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## THURSDAY, January 20, 2005
## 8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.*

**Location: The John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center**
**55 Broadway**
**Cambridge, MA**

**Session:** **COSO: A Tool for Fraud Identification and Prevention**

**Presented By:** **John McKeever**
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**Cost: $60.00 for CFE and AGA Paid Chapter Members**
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**(*- lunch not included)**

For more information, see www.coso.org/ and the attached training brochure

## Directions

John A. Volpe National
Transportation Systems Center

**Location**

The John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center (Volpe Center) is located conveniently at 55 Broadway in Cambridge, MA.

It is across the street from the Kendall Square Marriott Hotel, near the MIT/Kendall Square stop on the MBTA Red Line.

**Please note:** Anyone without a federal government identification badge must pass a security checkpoint. Photo identification must be shown at the security desk. The Volpe Center is wheelchair accessible.

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# WINTER SEMINAR

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John McKeever is the President of Contemporary Business Concepts. In addition, he has served as Operations Manager, Consultant, Instructor, and on the audit staff of AT&T. During his fifteen years in the audit department of AT&T, he conducted and led a wide range of audits and consulting projects. These included numerous audits and projects of finance, operations, and information technology processes.

He has trained and advised thousands of auditors and managers while in private practice, at the AT&T School of Business, and The Institute of Internal Auditors.

John is the author of numerous research papers that have addressed the concepts of process improvement in business, employee empowerment, and management of effective teams. For his achievements as a seminar leader, The Institute of Internal Auditors has awarded John the designation of Distinguished Adjunct Faculty Member.

John has degrees in Business Administration and Management from Northeastern University, a Masters of Science Degree in Management from Sevens Institute of Technology, and a graduate Certificate in Total Quality Management from the University of Phoenix. He is an American Society for Quality Certified Quality Auditor, a Certified Fraud Examiner, a Certified Business Manager, and a Certified Professional Consultant.

## COSO

**COSO Definition of Internal Control**

Internal control is a process, effected by an entity's board of directors, management and other personnel, designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of objectives in the following categories:

Effectiveness and efficiency of operations

Reliability of financial reporting

Compliance with applicable laws and regulations

**Key Concepts**

Internal control is a *process*. It is a means to an end, not an end in itself

Internal control is effected by *people*. It is not merely policy manuals and forms, but people at every level of the organization.

Internal control can be expected to provide only *reasonable assurance*, not absolute assurance, to an entity's management and board.

Internal control is geared to achievement of *objectives* in one or more separate but overlapping categories.

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## Winter Seminar

**Date**

Thursday, January 20, 2005

**Time**

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| Registration: | 8:00 am - 8:30 am |
| Program: | 8:30 am - 12:00 pm |
| Lunch Break: | 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm |
| Program: | 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm |

Please note: Lunch is not included. The Volpe Building has a cafeteria and there are restaurants nearby.

**Place**

John A. Volpe Center, 55 Broadway, Cambridge, MA

**Price**

Members $60 / Non-members $75

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**Registration**

You can register by contacting Howard Olsher, CGFM at 617-727-6200 or online at www.aga-boston-chapter.org.

**Registration Deadline**

Monday, January 17, 2005

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