

# Detecting Corruption

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Government auditors and investigators are fully aware of the high costs of corrupt practices and the difficulty in detecting side deals, kickbacks, and pay-to-play schemes. However, as more officials get indicted, false claims highlight the news, and foreign corrupt practices become exposed, auditors and investigators are being called upon to detect problems before they cause widespread damage.

**Who should attend: Government Auditors, Investigators, Accounting Professionals.** Learn how officials and purchasing personnel employ and conceal corrupt activities, how psychological powers of authority suppress inquiries, and how organizations can overcome challenges. Through case studies and exercises, we will examine how government organizations successfully defend against corrupt behavior.

## Learning Objectives

*Upon completion of this course, you will understand how to:*

- Overcome mindsets that prevent people from detecting corruption;
- Apply a consistent methodology for problem detection;
- Identify what can go wrong: side deals, kickbacks, conflicts of interest, and pay-to-play;
- Recognize common symptoms of corruption;
- Look for problems in books and records;
- Avoid common pitfalls;
- Recognize abuse of authority and the power of gifts & entertainment;
- Apply techniques successfully used by other organizations to defend against corruption;
- Apply lessons from case studies to your own environment.

## 8 CPE

Field of Study: Accounting, Auditing

Course Level: Intermediate

Group-live

No prerequisites or advanced preparation required

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## **Detecting Corruption Course Contents**

### **Preparing to Detect Corruption**

- ✓ Overcoming beliefs that hinder our ability to achieve results
- ✓ How much corruption is out there
- ✓ Our role in detection
- ✓ Evaluating your environment
- ✓ Assessing policies
- ✓ Importance of early detection
- ✓ A method for detecting corruption

### **Detecting Corrupt Behaviors**

- ✓ What can go wrong – common schemes
- ✓ Recognizing symptoms of corruption
- ✓ Understanding how people detect and respond to corrupt activities
- ✓ Working detection into routine processes
- ✓ Influencing your culture

### **Responding to Corruption**

- ✓ The power of authority, influence, gifts & entertainment
- ✓ Tips for auditing contract and vendor performance
- ✓ Case studies in effective (and ineffective) response
- ✓ Creating a plan for your environment