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Phoenix Regional Training  
September 27 & 28, 2017  
At SkySong in Scottsdale, AZ

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## DAY ONE - September 27, 2017 (includes breakfast, lunch and breaks)

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7:30 – 8:00 Light Breakfast and Networking

8:00 – 8:10 Welcome

8:10 – 11:45 *Writing Reader-Friendly Audit Reports! Field of Study:* Auditing (Governmental)  
(includes 9:50 – 10:05 Networking break)

- Scott Learn, Senior Performance Auditor, Oregon Audits Division - Salem, OR

The Oregon Secretary of State's Audits Division is trying to write more engaging reports that connect with the public and policymakers. Scott, a senior performance auditor who is also a former newspaper reporter, will conduct this hands-on training to help participants make their own reports more appealing to readers.

11:45 – 12:45 – Lunch

12:45 – 2:25 *Incident Response and Computer Forensics Field of Study:* Auditing (Governmental)

- Robert Meshinsky, WGM Information Security Services., LLC - Scottsdale, AZ

Digital evidence is very fragile and needs to be handled as such. We will review the best practices for handling evidence at a search site or in a lab environment.

2:25 – 2:40 Networking break

2:40 – 4:20 *Auditing Information Technology General Controls Field of Study:* Auditing (Governmental)

- Amanthi Pendegraft, Director & Nadine Yassine, Manager, KPMG - Phoenix, AZ

During this session, participants will gain an understanding of IT General Controls (ITGCs), why these controls are important and related hot topics. The instructors will provide an overview of the main types of ITGCs and audit considerations relating to access, program changes, SDLC and computer operations. Participants will be able to better understand how to identify and test ITGCs.

4:20 – 4:30 Wrap-up

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## DAY TWO - September 28, 2017 (includes breakfast, lunch and breaks)

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7:30 – 8:00 Light Breakfast and Networking

8:00 – 8:10 Welcome

8:10 – 11:45 *Data Analytics: Finding, Dissecting and Connecting the Dots Field of Study:* Auditing (Governmental)  
(includes 9:50 – 10:05 Networking break)

- Michael Kieffer, Independent Data Analyst/Instructor – Glendale, AZ

This session will focus on effective use of data analytics in all areas of government operations, such as department operations; financial, budget, purchasing, and grants management; social services; tax compliance; and health services. Michael will also emphasize using data analytics to identify and detect potential fraudulent activity, including potential phony or ghost employees, fraudulent vendors and duplicate and/or incorrect invoice payments.

11:45 – 12:45 Lunch

12:45 – 2:25 *Accounting and Auditing Standards: What's Happening? Field of Study:* Auditing (Governmental)

- Jill Shaw and Brittney Williams, Partners, Heinfeld Meech & Co. – Tucson, AZ

Jill and Brittney will give a detailed overview of the upcoming updates and changes to government accounting and auditing standards, including how these changes may impact our audits.

2:25 – 2:40 – Networking break

2:40 – 4:20 *Ethics in Government* **Field of Study:** Behavioral Ethics

- **David Braaten, Ph.D.**, President and CEO, The Williams Institute for Ethics and Management - Scottsdale, AZ

Ethics is about people and their relationships with one another. This session seeks to unlock the transformative potential of ethical awareness and behavior. Far more than following policies and conduct codes, ethics is about having the will to do what is right that comes from within, connecting with the ethical essence in each of us. This training session will introduce the tools and skills to build cultures of integrity, both professionally and personally.

4:20 – 4:30 Wrap-up

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### Registration Information

<u>Registration Type</u>	<u>On or before August 31</u>	<u>On or after September 1</u>
Members – both days	\$270	\$300
Members – one day	\$135	\$150
Non-members – both days	\$315	\$350
Non-members – one day	\$157.50	\$175

Online registration is available at this link: [Register](#)

Full refunds are available for cancellations on or before September 13. Refunds of 50 percent will be allowed for cancellations on or before September 20. After this date, no refunds will be granted. Substitutions are always permitted. Concerns or complaints may be directed to ALGA Member Services, 449 Lewis Hargett Circle, Suite 290, Lexington, KY 40503, (859) 276-0686.

#### Location:

SkySong Building 3 (Room: Synergy II)  
1365 N. Scottsdale Road  
Scottsdale, AZ 85257

**Parking:** Free parking is available onsite. See page 3.

**Accommodations:** We are not holding a block of hotel rooms for this training. See page 4 for map of nearby hotels.

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**Learning Objectives** - At the conclusion of this training, participants will be able to:

- Understand how to more effectively write audit reports and obtain, prepare and analyze data.
- Understand specialized audit risks, including IT general and application controls and digital evidence and computer forensics.
- Understand current auditing and ethical standards and their practical application.

**Level of Knowledge:** Overview. All levels of government auditors from director to entry level staff are encouraged to attend.

**CPE:** 16 CPE available for both days

**Delivery Method:** Group-Live

**Advance Preparation:** None required. This is a paperless training, and electronic training materials will be available to download or print prior to the event on the [ALGA website](#). Free WiFi will be available in the training room.

**Attendance Requirements:** In order to obtain CPE credit for the session(s) that is attended, attendees will be required to submit attendance codes announced during the sessions to verify their attendance.



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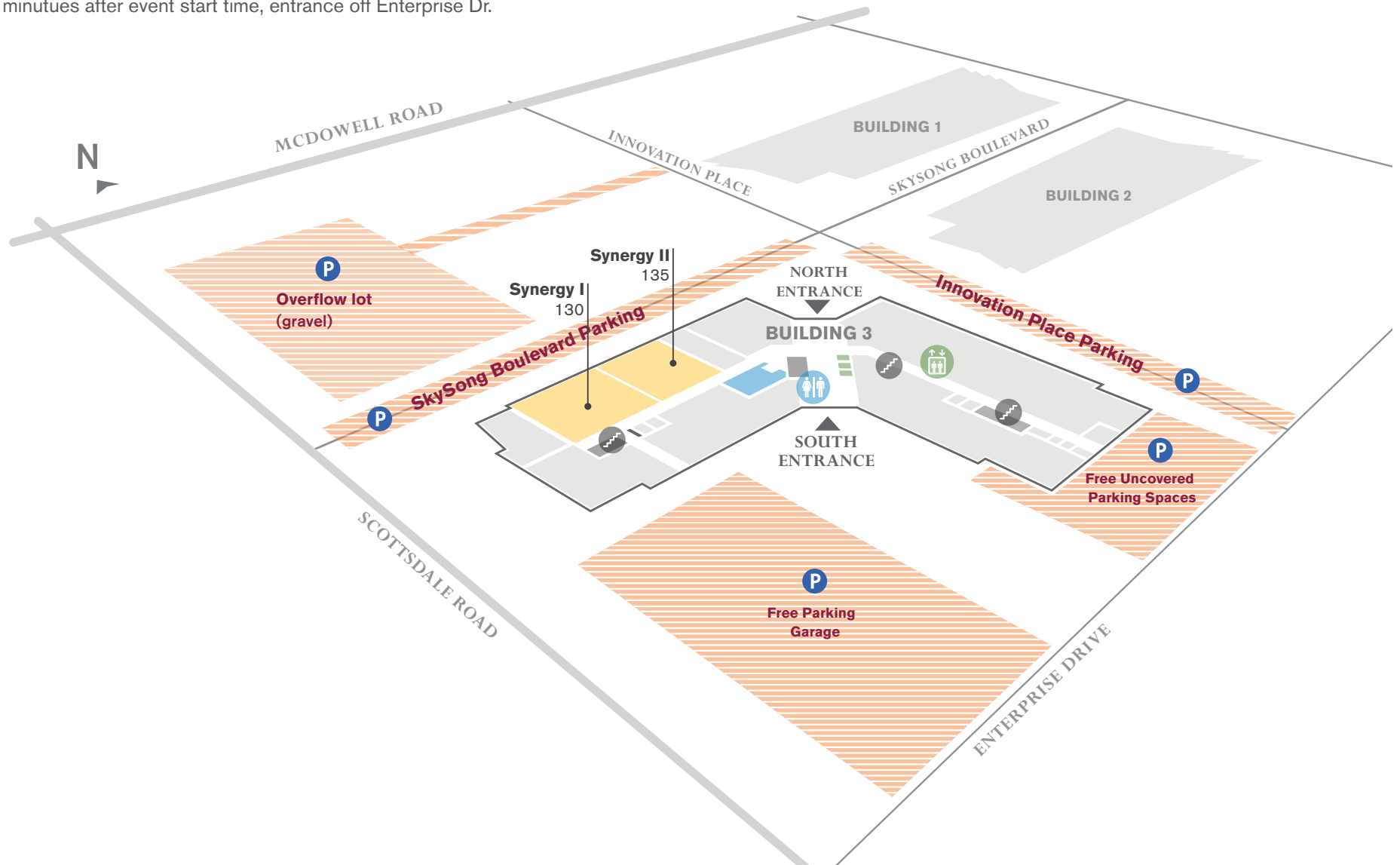
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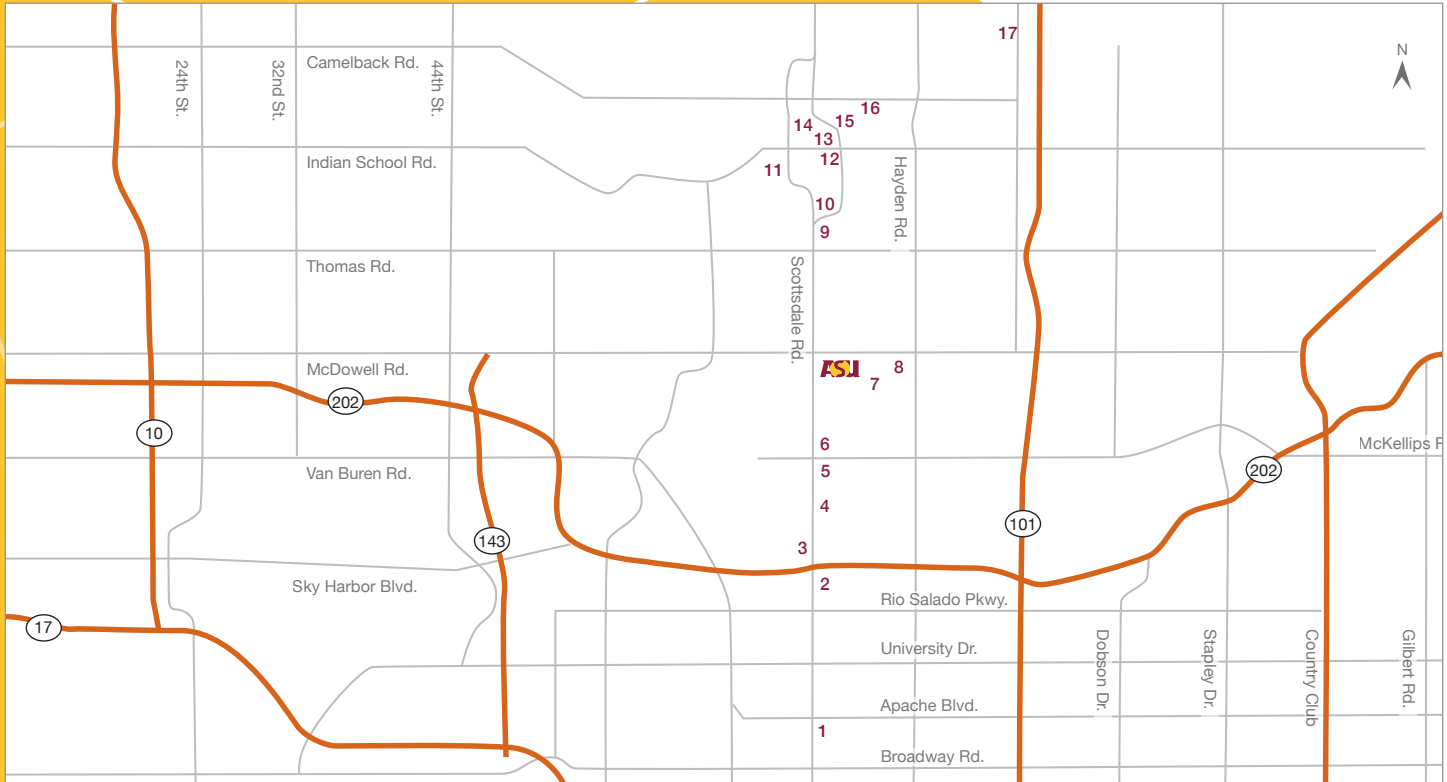
Surface parking lot South of 1365 building, entrance off Innovation Pl.

Overflow lot (gravel), entrance off Innovation Pl.

SkySong Blvd parking (non-two hour restricted) Innovation Pl. parking

Parking garage is available 30 minutes before event start time and 15 minutes after event start time, entrance off Enterprise Dr.





**1 Four Points by Sheraton Tempe**

480-968-3451  
1333 Rural Rd, Tempe  
[www.fourpointstempe.com](http://www.fourpointstempe.com)  
Free Shuttle w/in 5 miles  
187 rooms

**2 Aloft Tempe**

480-621-3300  
951 E Playa Del Norte Dr, Tempe  
[www.alofttempe.com](http://www.alofttempe.com)  
136 rooms

**3 Country Inn & Suites**

480-858-9898  
808 N Scottsdale Rd, Tempe  
[www.countryinns.com](http://www.countryinns.com)  
Free Shuttle w/in 5 miles  
83 rooms

**4 Red Lion Inn & Suites Phoenix/Tempe – ASU**

480-675-9799  
1429 N Scottsdale Rd, Tempe  
[www.redliontempe.com](http://www.redliontempe.com)  
118 rooms

**5 Quality Suites**

480-947-3711  
1635 N Scottsdale Rd, Tempe  
[www.qualitysuestempehotel.com](http://www.qualitysuestempehotel.com)  
119 rooms

**6 Hospitality Suites**

480-949-5115  
409 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale  
[www.hospitalitysuites.com](http://www.hospitalitysuites.com)  
210 rooms

**7 Scottsdale Park Suites**

480-949-8637  
1251 N Miller Rd, Scottsdale  
[www.scottsdaleparksuites.com](http://www.scottsdaleparksuites.com)  
136 rooms

**8 3 Palms Hotel**

480-941-1202  
7707 E McDowell Rd, Scottsdale  
[www.scottsdale-resort-hotels.com](http://www.scottsdale-resort-hotels.com)  
140 rooms

**9 Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites**

480-675-7665  
3131 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale  
[www.hiescottsdalehotel.com](http://www.hiescottsdalehotel.com)  
Free Shuttle w/in 5 miles  
170 rooms

**10 Courtyard by Marriott**

480-429-7785  
3311 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale  
[www.marriott.com/marriott-brands.mi](http://www.marriott.com/marriott-brands.mi)  
175 rooms

**11 Hotel Valley Ho**

480-248-2000  
6950 E Main St, Scottsdale  
[www.hotelvalleyho.com](http://www.hotelvalleyho.com)  
231 rooms

**12 The Saguaro**

480-308-1100  
4000 N Drinkwater Blvd, Scottsdale  
[www.jdvhotels.com/hotels/arizona](http://www.jdvhotels.com/hotels/arizona)

**13 Hilton Garden Inn Scottsdale Old Town**

480-481-0400  
7324 E Indian School Rd, Scottsdale  
[www.hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com](http://www.hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com)  
Free Shuttle w/in 5 miles  
199 rooms

**14 Marriott Suites**

480-945-1550  
7325 E Third Ave, Scottsdale  
[www.marriott.com/phxst](http://www.marriott.com/phxst)  
266 rooms

**15 Hyatt House**

480-946-7700  
4245 N Drinkwater Blvd, Scottsdale  
[www.scottsdale.house.hyatt.com](http://www.scottsdale.house.hyatt.com)

**16 Hotel Indigo**

480-941-9400  
4415 N Civic Center Plaza, Scottsdale  
[www.scottsdalehiphotel.com](http://www.scottsdalehiphotel.com)

**17 Courtyard Scottsdale Salt River**

480-745-8200  
5201 N Pima Rd, Scottsdale  
[www.marriott.com/phxpi](http://www.marriott.com/phxpi)