

# GLOBAL

Quality Assurance Inc.

## FALL 2010 NEWSLETTER

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Nuclear Construction Summit  
Charlotte, NC.  
October 25-26, 2010

Thanksgiving Holiday  
Orlando Office Closed  
November 25-26, 2010

PowerGen/Nuclear International  
Orlando, FL  
December 14-16, 2010

Winter Holiday  
Orlando Office Closed  
December 24-31, 2010

GQA Training Courses  
Orlando, FL  
February 21-25, 2011

### GQA BLOG

If you missed one of our newsletters, you can now catch up online.

<http://gqainc.com/en/company/blog>

### E-NEWSLETTER

You can now sign up to have our newsletter delivered straight to your in-box.

<http://gqainc.com/en/company/newsletter>



### SWEET HOME...CAROLINA?

Global Quality Assurance, Inc. (GQA) is proud to announce a second office located in Summerville, South Carolina. GQA's decision to open doors in South Carolina is based on the government and community support for nuclear energy in the Carolinas as well as its central location for proposed new reactor sites. According to the NEI, two-thirds of the proposed reactors are located in the south east.

Carolina Nuclear Cluster (CNC), "collaboratively strengthens workforce, services, products, and policies to capture and extend [their] global leadership in nuclear energy capabilities." ([newcarolina.org](http://newcarolina.org)) The CNC is working with local colleges, including Central Piedmont Community College and Midlands Technical College, to create educational opportunities. With this kind of support, and the location, South Carolina is an ideal location for our second office.

### BEING PROACTIVE

If you attended the NUPIC Vendor Interface Committee (VIC) Meeting in New Orleans this year, you heard the NRC and NUPIC elaborate on the many issues identified during recent NUPIC Audits. They concluded that in some cases, and based on the number and significance of the issues, **the internal audit program was ineffective**. Fortunately, none of the internal audit program weaknesses identified were for GQA clients. However, just like the NRC and NUPIC emphasized, GQA is recommending that the internal audit teams be strengthened and more in depth internal audits performed in the future.

### THE BEAUTY OF STEEL

Hirschfeld Industries, a strategic partner of Global Quality Assurance, was highlighted in the October issue of Modern Steel Construction for their work on Kansas City's new performing arts center, the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. Hirschfeld, the steel fabricator for this project, was chosen because of their, "expertise with complex steel structures..." (Modern Steel Construction) Because of the excellent project management within Hirschfeld, they were able to fabricate most of the steel at their own facilities in Texas and then ship them to the site in Kansas City. We are very proud of our friends at Hirschfeld Industries for being a significant part of the Kauffman Center, which promises to be a beautiful structure.



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We are encouraging our clients to increase the teams from one to two auditors, at a minimum, and/or extend the audit duration. This will allow for a much more in depth internal audit and self assessment. Another option is to include a company technical and quality resource in which to supplement the internal audit team.

