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Stuart has over 20 years of audit, and corporate experience in a variety of sectors and industries including government, publishing, and financial services. His experience encompasses audits of numerous large-scale construction projects, internal controls and audit reviews, information security, relocation planning, and project risk management.

Stuart was Director of Risk Assessment for the McGraw-Hill companies. Stuart is a Chartered Public Finance Accountant (UK government and healthcare), Certified Construction Auditor, Certified Information Systems Auditor and Certified Information Systems Security Professional. Stuart's holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from the University of Swansea.

Summary of Project Experience

- While leading the McGraw-Hill Technology audit team conducted a continuous audit of \$150,000 million dollar data Tier 3 data center. In addition to financial oversight:
 - ❖ Assessment of the accuracy and reliability of project reporting processes.
 - ❖ Audit of change management processes and all significant change orders.
 - ❖ Advised on the development of resource plans and operational controls to minimize risks during the migration of applications into the new facility.
 - ❖ Physical Security – Evaluated adequacy of site security, access and environmental controls from planning through to occupation.
- Conducted construction audit of structural repair and refurbishment costs of the American Express headquarters building in the World Financial Center. Reviewed facility management plans for the return of staff to the

building.

- Stuart specialized in the audit of defense and scientific research organizations while employed with the UK National Audit Office.
 - ❖ Clients included the Defence Research Agency, Chemical and Biological Defence Establishment, Agricultural and Food Research Council and the Medical Research Council.

Audit numerous projects (some exceeding billion pounds) including laboratories, testing facilities and highly specialized buildings.

Responsible for the audit of two defence charities:

- The refurbishment of a 400 bed geriatric hospital operated by the Royal Hospital Chelsea. Audit included both financial and project management controls.
 - Audit of new school buildings for Greenwich Hospital (residential) and sheltered housing.
- Numerous projects to assess physical security, logical security and data privacy controls (HIPPA, GLBA and EC Data Protection laws).

Stuart is a co-author of Auditing for Corporates, published in 2012 for Qatar finance.