

Denise Cicchella CIA, CFE, CCA, PMP

Denise Cicchella is a recognized expert in construction audit, protecting owners from the overpayment of construction costs due to error, negligence or fraud.

Dense is a Certified Internal Auditor, Certified Fraud Examiner, Certified Construction Auditor, Project Management Professional and Fellow of the Life Management Institute. She holds an MBA in International Business from Fairleigh Dickinson University and a BBA in Accounting from Loyola University. She is the President of the New York/New Jersey Chapter of the National Association of Construction Auditors.

Summary of Project Experience

- ❖ Leader of construction audits for large/medium Companies, Universities, Hospitals, Power Stations and Public Bodies. Including:
 - Wayne State University
 - University of Michigan's Women and Children's hospital.
 - The new World Trade Center
 - Pharmaceutical research company: trained associates in Construction Audit and audited their new LEEDS certified corporate headquarters facility (36 million dollars)
 - Nuclear power station construction
 - Mining
 - Retail stores

- ❖ Developed and refined methodology and that led to recoveries of up to 7% on construction audits performed. Specialized in identifying overpayment of construction costs, identification of recoveries and recommending process improvements based on industry best practices.

- ❖ Established, developed, championed and lead the construction audit

practice for Control Solutions. Including training and staff development of other construction audit professionals.

- ❖ Auditor and team leader specializing in fraud investigations, records management, construction, property management and facilities management. Managed the audit of one of the most complex residential complexes in Manhattan and worked on the project team integrating the facilities of MetLife with business acquisitions from Traveler's. Worked with the FBI on a large investigation involved with construction project being undertaken by the company. Construction audit projects done at MetLife include:
 - MetLife corporate headquarters and adjunct facilities in – Long Island City, Jersey City, and White Plains
 - Historic landmarks, 1 & 11 Madison Avenue, New York, NY
 - Nursing home facility (major refurbishment)
 - Peter Cooper/Stuyvesant town apartments, the largest apartment complex in Manhattan;
 - MetLife Mexico headquarters
 - Polo Ralph Lauren shopping centers

- ❖ Experienced Construction Audit trainer, instructor for MISTi and IIA UAE.

- ❖ Publications include
 - Institute of Internal Auditor's handbook – Construction Audit Guide: Overview, Monitoring and Auditing (2005).
 - Denise is a co-author of Auditing for Corporates, for the Qatar finance center (2012).