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Melinda DeCorte is a Partner with over 17 years of accounting, auditing and government financial management experience. She directs and serves as a subject matter expert in the areas of accounting, internal controls, financial reporting and business process re-design for public sector clients.

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Melinda is a member of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA), the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, the AICPA and the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants. She serves on the national AGA Professional Ethics Board and the advisory council to the GAO in updating the *Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government* (Green Book). She also has actively served on multiple committees of the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants and taught introductory and intermediate-level financial accounting for four years for the University of Virginia, Northern Virginia Center.

Melinda graduated from Georgia State University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration (Major in Economics), and completed an additional 30 semester hours in Accounting at the University of Virginia, Northern Virginia Center. She is a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Government Financial Manager, and Certified Fraud Examiner, and is the Elijah Watts Sells Gold Medal winner with the highest score in the country for the November 2002 Uniform Certified Public Accountant examination.