



**Job Title:** Manager – Risk and Controls

**Location:** DMV/Hybrid

**Employment Type:** Contract

**Company:** Akela, LLC

## About Akela

At Akela, we are a close-knit team of professionals working collaboratively to provide comprehensive solutions to our clients. We believe in the strength of partnership, drawing from our collective expertise to create value for employees, clients, and stakeholders alike. Our services are grounded in integrity, excellence, and an unwavering commitment to our clients' success.

## Position Summary

Akela is seeking a highly skilled **Manager - Risk and Controls** to join our dynamic team. In this role, you will leverage your expertise in risk management, internal controls, and compliance to help our clients mitigate risks, enhance governance, and achieve their strategic objectives. This position is key to ensuring our clients' operational integrity while aligning with regulatory requirements and best practices.

This position will primarily support a federal civilian agency in executing their internal controls program. This role is a contract-only opportunity with future potential to convert to full-time. The role is hybrid but requires in-person meetings in the DMV area on a bi-weekly basis.

## Key Responsibilities

- **Risk Management & Advisory:** Provide strategic guidance to clients on risk management, including identification, assessment, and mitigation of risks across various business processes.
- **Internal Controls Development:** Design, implement, and assess internal controls to ensure the accuracy, integrity, and reliability of financial and operational data. Includes both financial reporting and financial system controls.
- **AI and Automation:** Understand how to use AI-enabled tools to increase efficiency in internal control testing and reduce manual time. Create solutions in AI and effectively communicate pros and cons of using the technology.
- **Process Improvement:** Evaluate existing risk management and control processes, identifying opportunities for improvements, and implementing solutions that align with client goals.
- **Client Collaboration:** Work closely with client leadership to develop and execute tailored risk and control solutions, ensuring clear communication and alignment with business objectives.
- **Training & Mentorship:** Provide training and mentorship to junior staff and clients to enhance knowledge and ensure the sustainability of risk management and control processes.
- **Reporting:** Prepare comprehensive reports and presentations for client stakeholders, clearly communicating risks, recommendations, and actionable steps for improvement.

## Qualifications

- **Experience:** 8+ years in risk management and internal controls.
- **Education:** Bachelor's degree in accounting, Finance, Business Administration, or a related discipline (Master's degree preferred).
- **Travel:** Remote travel only within the DMV region.
- **US Citizenship**
- **Certifications:** CPA, CGFM, CICA, or other relevant certifications are highly preferred.
- **Technical Skills:** Strong understanding of risk assessment methodologies, control frameworks (e.g., OMB Circular A-123, GAO's Green Book, FISCAM, and NIST 800-53), and familiarity with relevant federal laws and regulations.
- **Communication:** Exceptional written and verbal communication skills with a proven ability to present complex risk issues clearly to both technical and non-technical audiences.
- **Problem Solving:** Strong analytical and critical thinking skills, with the ability to identify and resolve complex issues efficiently.
- **Teamwork:** Proven track record of working in a team environment, collaborating with cross-functional groups, and mentoring junior staff.

## Why Akela?

At Akela, we are more than just a professional services firm; we are a pack that supports and elevates each other. We offer a culture of continuous learning, personal growth, and shared success. Join us in our mission to solve complex problems for our clients, allowing them to focus on building a brighter future.

We are dedicated to ensuring equity throughout the recruitment and employment process. We celebrate diversity and foster an inclusive environment where all employees are valued. Akela does not discriminate based on race, religion, color, national origin, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, marital status, veteran status, or disability. Our goal is to create a supportive space for asking questions, building connections, and advancing careers.