

Press Release

Acquisition of Training Institute AQS Management Systems

DEKRA Expands Range of Training Courses in USA

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DEKRA is expanding its Business Assurance service unit in the USA by purchasing AQS Management Systems Inc. located in Minneapolis, Minnesota. AQS is the leading provider of management system training courses in the United States. In its Business Assurance segment, DEKRA bundles services for safeguarding and improving business processes.

Founded by Mark Ames over 27 years ago, AQS offers certified and non-certified training courses. Courses focus on Quality, Environmental, Health/Safety, Energy, Food Safety, and many other management systems for auditors, implementers, and stakeholders who deal with the ISO family of standards. With around 4,200 training participants in 2015, AQS is the leading provider in the USA for public and onsite training and offers computer-assisted learning options as well.

Its customers are from sectors such as aviation, automotive and medical industries as well as the public sector. The portfolio comprises 27 certified training courses for ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 13485, AS9100, TS 16949 and integrated management systems. In addition, there are 40 non-certified courses for ISO standards.

“With this addition, we are significantly expanding our range of training courses and certifications in the USA and thus complementing our activities in the areas of occupational safety and process safety,” says Lothar Weihofen, head of DEKRA’s global Business Assurance business unit. “We expect to see growing demand for training courses in the years ahead, particularly due to the large number of revisions to management systems standards.”

Mark Ames, President of AQS, comments, “Joining an organization like DEKRA, with their global expertise, gives us ideal conditions to expand and enhance the services we offer our customers with our highly qualified employees and trainers. As a member of the DEKRA family, we also have the opportunity to forge new paths internationally.”

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