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Brighter (and Longer) Days Ahead

It's an interesting coincidence that on the same day we're reporting that CPAs are more upbeat about the economy, we're also reporting that accountants can expect to **see their paychecks increase** this year. Is it just us, or is everybody breathing a little easier? According to the AICPA's latest *Business and Industry Economic Outlook Survey*, things are **looking slightly brighter** across the entire economic spectrum. And we get an extra hour of daylight!

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EDUCATION HEADLINES

→ **AICPA Survey: CPAs More Upbeat on Economic Outlook, but Still Cautious**

The first quarter American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) Business and Industry Economic Outlook Survey is out, and it looks like respondents are increasingly optimistic about the US economy and their own businesses' prospects compared to the fourth quarter of 2012.

→ **Accountants Pay Seen Rising an Average 3.3 Percent This Year**

Accountants with solid credentials should have no employment worries, because demand and pay throughout the profession are showing strong gains this year, according to reports from the recruitment firm Robert Half International.

→ **IU's Kelley School of Business Partners with CFA Institute**

Indiana University's (IU) Kelley School of Business has achieved CFA Program Partner status with CFA Institute, which offers the premier certification in the investment industry worldwide.



THIS WEEK ON ACCOUNTINGWEB

- **FAF spokesman John Pappas** discusses the recent release of the four-volume print edition of FASBA *Accounting Standards Codification*.
- **E. Bernard Goodrich of the AICPA** and **Karen West of OSCPA** talk with AccountingWEB about the 2013 Accounting Scholars Leadership Workshop.



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