Dear Colleague

As you may have seen recently that Merkle entered into a strategic partnership with AWS. You can read more about the partnership [here](https://www.merkleinc.com/news-and-events/press-releases/2020/merkle-enters-strategic-collaboration-agreement-aws-help-brands). As part of this partnership, Merkle has committed to train its human capital on AWS platform in the space of Data & Analytics. I am pleased to announce that you have been nominated to attend AWS Technical Training.

Below are the dates for our first round of training which will be focused on Associate level certifications. Training will be conducted virtually by an authorized trainer from training partner Global Knowledge.

**US:**

Nov 3 – 5: [Developing on AWS](https://aws.amazon.com/training/course-descriptions/developing/) for Associate level AWS Certified Developer

Nov 10 – 12: [Architecting on AWS](http://aws.amazon.com/training/course-descriptions/architect/) for Associate level AWS Certified Solutions Architect

Dec 1 – 3: [Developing on AWS](https://aws.amazon.com/training/course-descriptions/developing/) for Associate level AWS Certified Developer

Dec 8 – 10: [Architecting on AWS](http://aws.amazon.com/training/course-descriptions/architect/) for Associate level AWS Certified Solutions Architect

**India:**

Nov 10 – 12: [Developing on AWS](https://aws.amazon.com/training/course-descriptions/developing/) for Associate level AWS Certified Developer

Nov 24 – 26: [Developing on AWS](https://aws.amazon.com/training/course-descriptions/developing/) for Associate level AWS Certified Developer

Nov 24 – 26: [Architecting on AWS](http://aws.amazon.com/training/course-descriptions/architect/) for Associate level AWS Certified Solutions Architect

Dec 8 – 10: [System Operations on AWS](http://aws.amazon.com/training/course-descriptions/sysops/) for Associate level AWS Certified SysOps Administrator

Dec 14 – 16: [System Operations on AWS](http://aws.amazon.com/training/course-descriptions/sysops/) for Associate level AWS Certified SysOps Administrator

Prior to attending the class, we need you to accomplish the following tasks:

1. **Sign up on AWS Partner Network (APN) Portal**: The APN Partner Central is a valuable resource containing a wide range of partner focused content and features. Instructions are below.

* To gain access to the APN Partner Central, just go to the APN Partner Central registration page (<https://partnercentral.awspartner.com/selfregisterpartner>) and register using our firm's domain “merkleinc.com” (i.e. you cannot use yahoo.com, gmail.com, etc.).
* Please check the box to share your AWS certification in your APN profile.

* Feel free to contact the APN Support team (<https://partnercentral.awspartner.com/knowledgebase>) with any questions or issues related to APN Partner Central Registration.

1. **Complete the recommended pre-requisite courses:** You are required to complete a set of pre-requisite courses prior to attending the training class. Attached you will find the complete list of recommended courses that you should take prior to your certification and the ones highlighted prior to attending the class. Courses which need to be taken are listed below for your easier reference also. Please make sure you sign up on APN Portal first as you will take these courses through APN Portal.

* Developer Associate Level:
  + [AWS Technical Professional Accreditation](https://partnercentral.awspartner.com/LmsSsoRedirect?RelayState=%2flearningobject%2fcurriculum%3fid%3d45423)
  + [AWS Cloud Economics Accreditation](https://partnercentral.awspartner.com/LmsSsoRedirect?RelayState=%2flearningobject%2fwbc%3fid%3d36904)
  + [AWS Cloud Practitioner Essentials (Second Edition)](https://partnercentral.awspartner.com/LmsSsoRedirect?RelayState=%2flearningobject%2fcurriculum%3fid%3d27076)
  + [AWS Well-Architected Training](https://partnercentral.awspartner.com/LmsSsoRedirect?RelayState=%2flearningobject%2fcurriculum%3fid%3d42037)
* Solution Architect Associate Level:
  + [AWS Technical Professional Accreditation](https://partnercentral.awspartner.com/LmsSsoRedirect?RelayState=%2flearningobject%2fcurriculum%3fid%3d45423)
  + [AWS Cloud Economics Accreditation](https://partnercentral.awspartner.com/LmsSsoRedirect?RelayState=%2flearningobject%2fwbc%3fid%3d36904)
  + [AWS Cloud Practitioner Essentials (Second Edition)](https://partnercentral.awspartner.com/LmsSsoRedirect?RelayState=%2flearningobject%2fcurriculum%3fid%3d27076)
  + [AWS Shared Responsibility Model](https://partnercentral.awspartner.com/LmsSsoRedirect?RelayState=%2flearningobject%2fvideo%3fid%3d16488)
  + [AWS Well-Architected Training](https://partnercentral.awspartner.com/LmsSsoRedirect?RelayState=%2flearningobject%2fcurriculum%3fid%3d42037)
* SysOps Admin Associate Level:
  + [AWS Technical Professional Accreditation](https://partnercentral.awspartner.com/LmsSsoRedirect?RelayState=%2flearningobject%2fcurriculum%3fid%3d45423)
  + [AWS Cloud Economics Accreditation](https://partnercentral.awspartner.com/LmsSsoRedirect?RelayState=%2flearningobject%2fwbc%3fid%3d36904)
  + [AWS Cloud Practitioner Essentials (Second Edition)](https://partnercentral.awspartner.com/LmsSsoRedirect?RelayState=%2flearningobject%2fcurriculum%3fid%3d27076)

Please be on the lookout for email from Global Knowledge for specific details about your training class times and things to bring. In the meanwhile, if you have any questions, please feel free contact me. Since these classes are approaching soon, feel free to contact me if you feel completing your pre-requisite is going to be an issue.