

The Brave New World of Grants Management

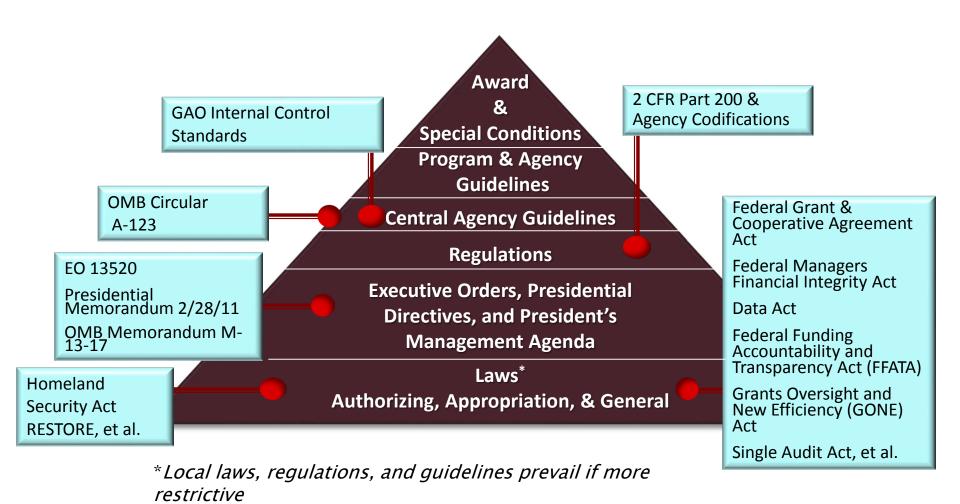




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The Order of Precedence







The Uniform Guidance – 2CFR§200

- Consolidated legacy guidance and introduced new requirements
 - > Consolidated Governance:
 - OMB Circulars A–21, A–87, A–110, and A–122
 - Circulars A–89, A–102, and A–133*, and
 - The guidance in Circular A–50 on Single Audit Act follow-up





^{*} Except for the Compliance Supplement



Internal Controls - Requirement

- 2CFR§200.303 Internal controls. The non-Federal entity must:
 - Federal award that provides reasonable assurance that the non-Federal entity is managing the Federal award in compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award.
 - > These internal controls **should** be in compliance with guidance in 'Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government' issued by the Comptroller General of the United States or the 'Internal Control Integrated Framework', issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO)".





Internal Controls Defined in the UG

• 2CFR§200.61 Internal controls means:

- > "A process, implemented by a non-Federal entity, designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of objectives in the following categories:
 - Effectiveness and efficiency of operations
 - Reliability of reporting for internal and external use
 - Compliance with applicable laws and regulations."





Definition Continued....

- 2CFR§200.62 Internal control over compliance requirements for Federal awards:
 - <u>"A process implemented by a non-Federal entity</u> designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of the following objectives for Federal awards:
 - Transactions are properly recorded and accounted for, in order to:
 - Permit the preparation of reliable financial statements and Federal reports;
 - > Maintain accountability over assets; and
 - Demonstrate compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award;
 - Transactions are executed in compliance with:
 - > Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award that could have a direct and material effect on a Federal program; and
 - Any other Federal statutes and regulations that are identified in the Compliance Supplement; and
 - Funds, property, and other assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition."

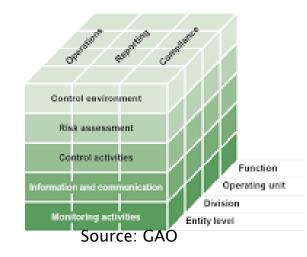




GAO Internal Control Standards

Definition of "Internal Control":

- OV1.01 Internal control is a process effected by an entity's oversight body, management, and other personnel that provides reasonable assurance that the objectives of an entity will be achieved (see fig. 2). These objectives and related risks can be broadly classified into one or more of the following three categories:
 - Operations Effectiveness and efficiency of operations
 - Reporting Reliability of reporting for internal and external use
 - Compliance Compliance with applicable laws and regulations





Source: COSO



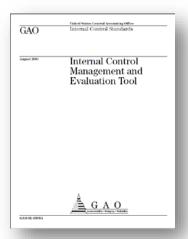


How do Grantees Implement?

- The Uniform Guidance <u>does not provide implementing</u> guidance
 - Recipients may look to the Federal implementing guidelines in OMB A-123 Management's Responsibility for Internal Control



GAO Internal Control Management and Evaluation Tool, GAO-01-1008G







Must? Should?

What will grant auditors likely expect?

- > Does the grantee organization have its own internal control standards and implementing guidance?
- > If not, auditors will look to the GAO or COSO Internal Control Standards and OMB's guidelines as benchmarks.
- > As a practical matter, grantee organizations <u>must</u> comply with these standards, or risk being found deficient.





Tips for Implementers



- Governance, including well-defined enterprise business architecture—don't forget <u>program</u> cycles!
- > Internal control system integrated with Enterprise Risk Management (ERM)
- Well-defined entity level controls

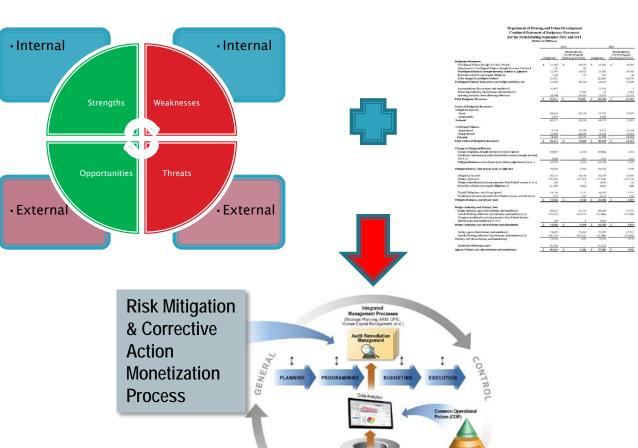




Integrated ERM & Internal Control

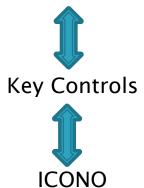
ERM

Financial Statement Risk Assessment









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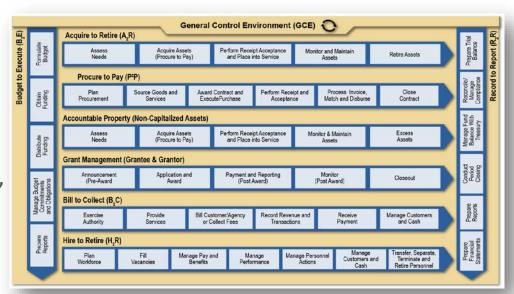




More Tips for Implementers

More Hallmarks of an Effective Control System

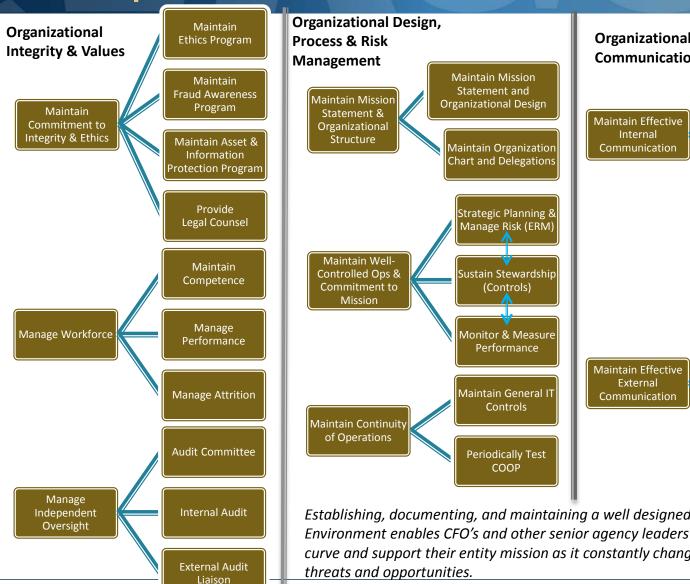
- Documented processes and controls
- Performance plans include:
 - Process, control, transaction, and corrective action ownership and performance metrics



- > Periodic testing of key controls
- > Comprehensive corrective action implementation



Entity Level Control Environment: A Conceptual Framework





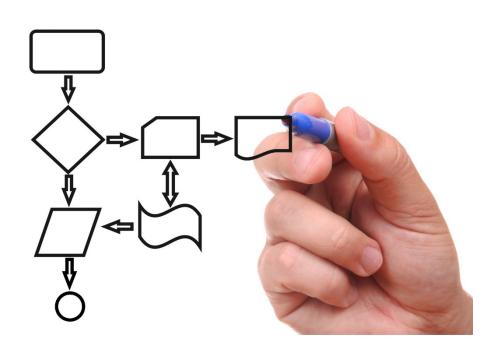
Establishing, documenting, and maintaining a well designed Entity Level Control Environment enables CFO's and other senior agency leaders to stay ahead of the curve and support their entity mission as it constantly changes to address evolving





Well-Defined Processes

- Hallmarks of well-defined processes include:
 - > Process narratives built on a foundation of:
 - Functional decompositions
 - Detailed work breakdown structures
 - Process maps showing key control points





Well-Defined Processes Continued...

- More hallmarks of well-defined processes include:
 - > Identification of:
 - Process and transaction owners
 - Major transaction classes
 - Transaction posting logic
 - Inputs and outputs, including type of data flowing through process
 - Gaps and compensating controls
 - Applicable laws, regulations, and policies
 - Performance metrics
 - Human capital and skill set requirements
 - Evidential material (documentation)
 - Process flowcharts that use established conventions with process steps and controls cross-referenced to the related narratives



Well-Defined Controls

- Hallmarks of well-defined key controls include identification of:
 - > Control technique, objective, and risk:
 - Objective and risk show linkage to major transaction class or risk mitigation
 - > Financial, system, or management assertion supported:
 - Financial—PERCV
 - System—CAVR
 - Management—Efficient and effective operations; compliance with laws, regulations and policies; safeguarded assets; and timely, accurate and reliable budgetary and program reporting





Well-Defined Controls Continued...

- Hallmarks of well-defined key controls include identification of:
 - > Frequency
 - > Automated or manual
 - > Whether the control is designed to prevent or detect fraud
 - > Compensating control where gaps exist
 - > Control owner
 - > Tests of design and effectiveness
 - Evidential matter (documentation) required to show control operates as intended
 - Performance measures and goals related to control operation



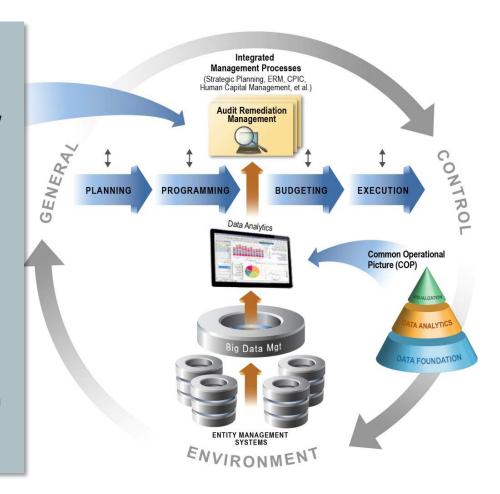


Comprehensive Corrective Action

Implementing successful mitigations

Risk Mitigation & Corrective Action Monetization Process

- Evaluate Non-monetary and Financial Risks of Finding
- Score, Rank, Prioritize Findings
- Conduct Root Cause Analysis
- Determine Cost of Solution Alternatives
- Monitor Implementation and Sustainment
- Verify & Validate





Late Breaking News...

Program Management Improvement and Accountability Act:

- > Establishes a leader within each agency that is focused on program management.
- > Creates an inter-agency Program Management Council to drive improvements through portfolio reviews of agency programs and encourages communications between agencies and program management professionals.
- > Requires the development of a specific job category with distinct qualification for project managers.
- > Requires the federal government to adopt widely-accepted program management best practices and standards.



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