



Washington State Auditor's Office Entrance Conference

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About our Office

The Washington State Auditor's Office's vision is government that works for citizens. Our goal is for government that works better, costs less and earns greater public trust.

The purpose of this meeting is to share our planned audit scope so that we are focused in the most significant areas. We value and appreciate your input.

Audit Scope

Based on our preliminary planning, we will perform the following audit:

- **Accountability audit** for the fiscal years 2014

We will assess for the management, use and safeguarding of public resources to ensure there is protection from misuse and misappropriation. In addition, we will evaluate whether there is reasonable assurance for adherence to applicable state laws, regulations and policies and procedures.

At this time we do not have a finalized audit plan, as we are approximately half way through planning.

Engagement Letter

We have provided an engagement letter which documents both of our responsibilities for conducting and performing the audit. Additionally the letter identifies the cost of the audit, estimated timeline for completion and expected communications.

Levels of Reporting

Findings

Findings formally address issues in an audit report. Findings report significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal controls; misappropriation; and material abuse or non-compliance with laws, regulations or policies. You will be given the opportunity to respond to a finding and this response will be published in the audit report.

Management Letters

Management letters communicate control deficiencies, non-compliance or abuse with a less-than-material effect on the financial statements or other issues with significance to the audit objectives. Management letters are referenced, but not included, in the audit report.

Exit Items

Exit items address control deficiencies or non-compliance with laws or regulations that have an insignificant or immaterial effect, or errors with an immaterial effect on the financial statements. These issues are informally communicated to management.

Other Information

Confidential Information

Our Office is committed to protecting your confidential or sensitive information. Please notify us when you give us any documents, records, files, or data containing information that is covered by confidentiality or privacy laws.

Audit Costs

The cost of the audit is estimated to be approximately \$88,500.

Expected Communications

During the course of the audit, we will communicate with Debbi Browning on the audit status, any significant changes in our planned audit scope or schedule and preliminary results or recommendations as they are developed.

Please let us know if, during the audit, any events or concerns come to your attention of which we should be aware. We will expect Debbi Browning to keep us informed of any such matters.

At the conclusion of the audit, we will summarize the results at the exit conference. We will also discuss any significant difficulties or disagreements encountered during the audit and their resolution.

Customer service survey

When your report is released you will receive a customer service survey from us. We value your opinions on our audit services and hope you provide us feedback.