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Audit Plan

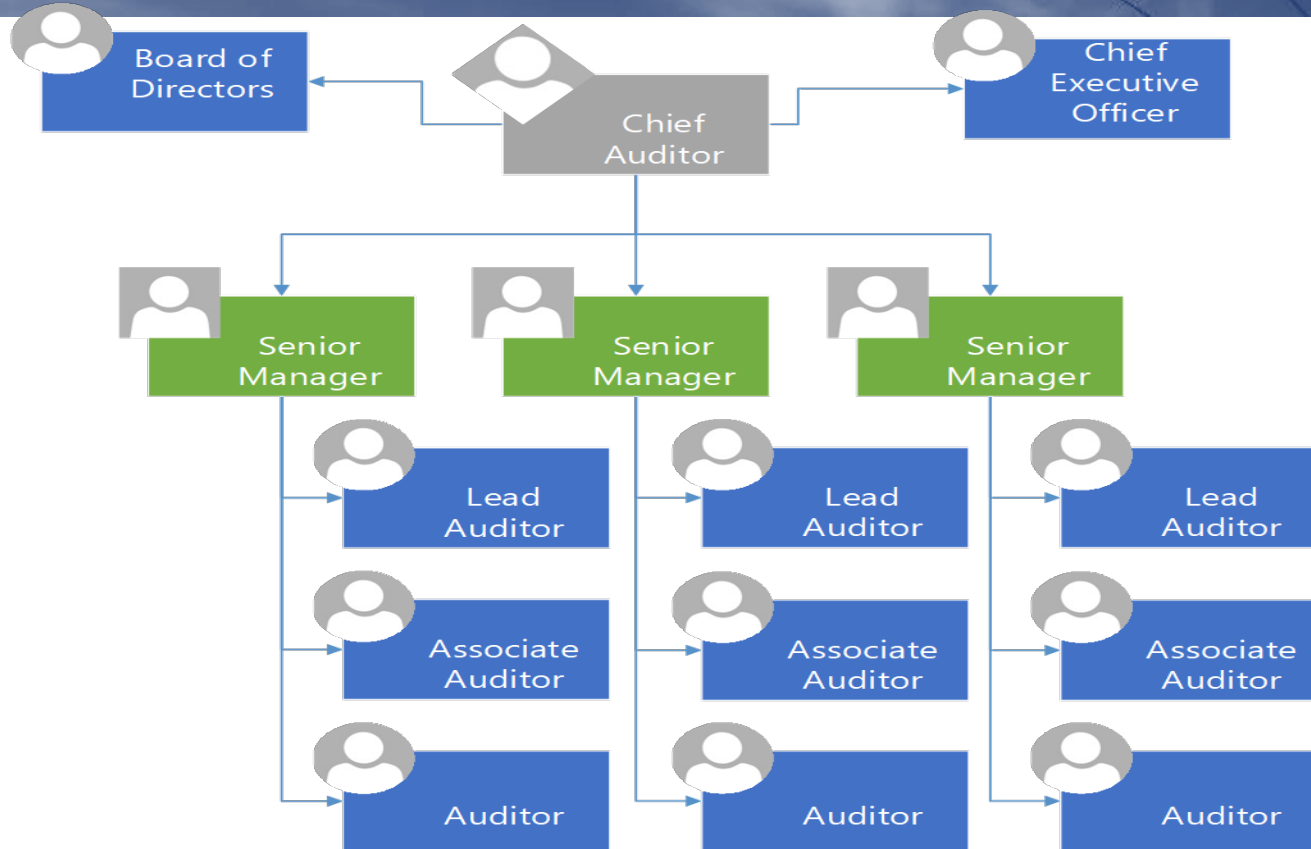
Fiscal Year 2024-25

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Audit Plan Components

Pre-Award Reviews

Evaluate proposed rates prior to contract execution to assist in the negotiation of a fair and reasonable price.

Contract Compliance Audits

Determining compliance of costs reimbursed by the Authority with contract provisions, including Federal Cost Principles

Performance Audits

Audit objectives are determined based on the nature of the audit request in conjunction with management.



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Audit Standards

Generally Accepted Government Audit Standards (Yellow Book)

Used for audits of federal funds, specifically Contract Compliance Audits

Global Internal Audit Standards (Red Book)

Used for performance audits, pre-award reviews, and other audit services that result in a report.

Both Yellow Book and Red Book standards were revised in early 2024.

External Quality Assessments and Internal Quality Assessments

Audit Committee Reporting

Additional Documentation Requirements



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Prior Year Audit Plan Results

Small Business – Report anticipated August 2024

Pre-award Reviews

Five pre-awards completed, which included evaluating the costs for 24 separate Architectural and Engineering consulting firms

Contract Compliance Audit – Report anticipated August 2024

Audit costs reimbursed by the Authority for prime consultant and ten subconsultants. Audited labor billed against time recorded and pay rates, indirect costs, and other direct costs.

Civil Works Certification – In progress, report anticipated Fall 2024

Design Build Contractor – In progress, report anticipated Fall 2024

Design-Build Change Orders



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Internal Quality Assurance Self-Assessment

In accordance with the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing, we have a quality system to ensure compliance with the audit standards.

The audit standards require that we have an internal assessment of our compliance with the standards on an annual basis.

This year's IQA covered February 2023 through May 2024, which includes the period since our peer review in spring 2023.

We had a team of three Associate level auditors review seven completed assignments using a similar process to an external peer review.

There were no instances of material non-compliance with the standards.



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Fiscal Year Audit Plan 2024-25

Complete work in progress

Civil Works Certification

Design-Build Change Orders

Five Planned Pre-award Reviews

Four Contract Compliance Audits

Two interim audits to evaluate the initial two years of costs reimbursed by the Authority

Two post audits to evaluate costs reimbursed over the entire nine-year contract term



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Thank you

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