



# Governance, Risk, and Compliance Council (GRCC)

November 5, 2025  
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Virtual



# Welcome!

**Lynn Bashaw, GRCC Co-Chair,  
California State Teachers Retirement System  
(CalSTRS)**

# Today's Agenda

Topic	Presenter/Facilitator	Time
Welcome	Lynn Bashaw	1:00 – 1:10
Local Government Perspectives on ERM and Internal Controls	Albert Beltran	1:10 – 1:40
SLAA Implementation at Finance	Frances Parmelee	1:40 – 1:55
SLAA Updates 1. SLAA Portal Access—MFA 2. New SAM 20080 reporting 3. Portal New Look 4. Report Layout - New Look 5. Top Risks and Controls	Edwina Troupe/ Brian Dunham/ Carla Villa	1:55 – 2:25
What's Next!	Anthony Martin	2:25 – 2:30

# About the GRCC

To advance adaptive and integrative governance, risk, and compliance management principles

- Sponsored by the Government Operations Agency (GovOps)
- Advance sound governance, risk, and compliance management principles for California public entities
- Member-driven, share knowledge and resources
- Meetings include:
  - Presentations and sharing best practices (e.g., risk appetite/tolerance, addressing top SLAA risks, etc.)
  - Guest speakers
  - GovOps and DOF announcements

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# *Local Government Perspectives on ERM and Internal Controls*

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## Survey

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- ✓ What is your main role? (Risk, Controls, Audit)
- ✓ Do you work with others to understand risk across your entity?
- ✓ Have you read an ERM framework, word for word?
- ✓ Have you read the GAO Green Book, word for word?
- ✓ For Auditors - How many times has your client provided current and complete management objectives and policies and procedures?

# Today's Objectives

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- ✓ Introduction to AFERM
- ✓ Enterprise Risk *Mindset*
- ✓ ERM (& AFERM) Alignment
- ✓ 2025 GAO Green Book (Updated)
- ✓ IIA Global Internal Audit Standards (GIAS)

# Association of Federal Enterprise Risk Management (AFERM)

*State and Local Committee*

# ERM State & Local Outreach Committee, 2025



Association for Federal  
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*Meet your Regional  
ERM Representative!*

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<https://www.aferm.org/committees/state&local/biographies>



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- Tennessee
- Mississippi
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- Maryland
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- Arkansas
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- Oklahoma
- Virginia
- Texas
- Kentucky

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# AFERM

## Resources - Guidance

## Training – Aligned with RIMS/IIA

 AFERM co-developed the RIMS-CRMP-FED Certification. Now we are teaching it! Through AFERM University, you can affiliate with a community of certified practitioners dedicated to ERM at all levels of government, speaking the same language with your certification.

AFERM offers RIMS-CRMP-FED Preparatory Courses. The next two-day, live, virtual, course is on Wednesday, Dec. 3, and Thursday, Dec. 4, from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM ET.

# IIA Competency Standards (UPDATED)

Governance and Risk Management Competencies	Governance
	Strategy
	Enterprise Risk Management
	Compliance
	Fraud
	Organizational Resilience
	Sustainability

# IIA Competency Standards (UPDATED)

Knowledge and Skill Subcategory	Basic	Proficiency Level
Enterprise Risk Management	<p>Understands the fundamental concepts of enterprise risk management (ERM) and its role in organizational decision-making.</p> <p>Recognizes key objectives and risks related to strategy, operations, finances, compliance, and technology.</p> <p>Assists in gathering and reviewing risk management policies, frameworks, and risk assessments under supervision.</p> <p>Example: Gathers policies, procedures, and evidence of control process implementation for enterprise risk management reporting, but requires guidance in identifying discrepancies.</p>	<p>Evaluates the effectiveness of risk management processes, including risk identification, assessment, response, and monitoring.</p>
		<p>Assesses the integration of ERM processes with strategic planning and decision-making.</p>
		<p>Identifies discrepancies between documented risk management procedures and gathered evidence and discusses possible root causes with management.</p>
		<p>Example: Assesses the organization's risk management processes for alignment with external frameworks and coverage of significant objectives and operating processes, and determines whether relevant information is presented to decision makers timely and completely.</p>

# IIA Competency Standards (UPDATED)

and Characteristics	
Advanced	Expert
Independently conducts or leads audits of risk management structures, reporting mechanisms, and responses.	Advises the board and senior management on enhancing ERM processes to align with widely used frameworks and improve risk oversight and resilience.
Provides recommendations for enhancing risk management maturity and integrating ERM processes into organizational decision-making.	Develops methodologies for auditing risk management processes, incorporating advanced analytics and continuous monitoring of key risk indicators.
Evaluates the impact of organizational culture on ERM maturity and stakeholder engagement in risk management practices.  Example: Leads an audit engagement evaluating how risk assessments influence strategic decision-making and the design of operational processes.	Provides thought leadership on emerging risks, other trends, regulatory expectations, and leading practices in ERM.  Example: Designs an ERM assessment methodology that aligns with leading risk management frameworks and enhances enterprise-wide decision-making.



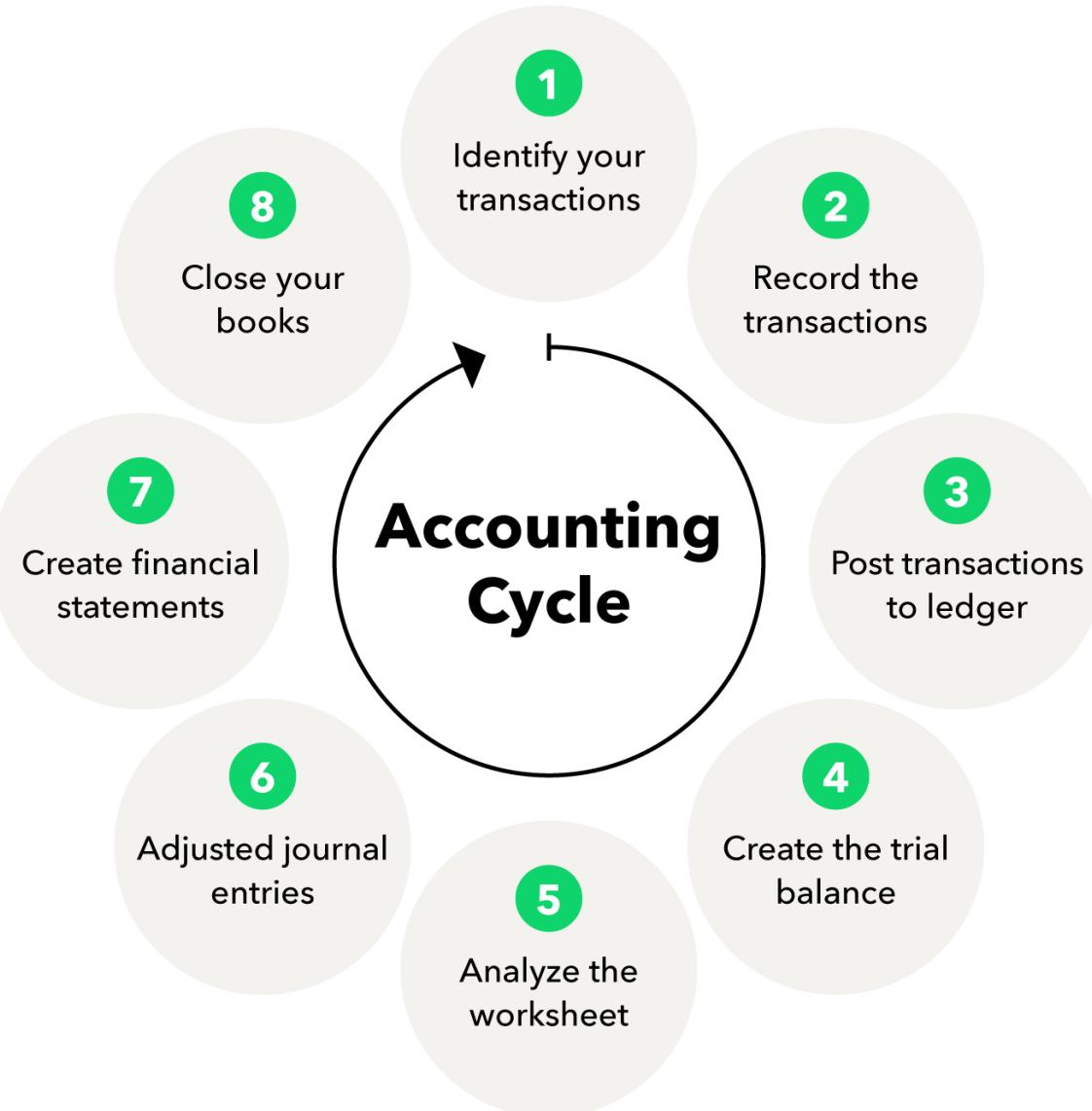
# Playbook: Enterprise Risk Management for the U.S. Federal Government



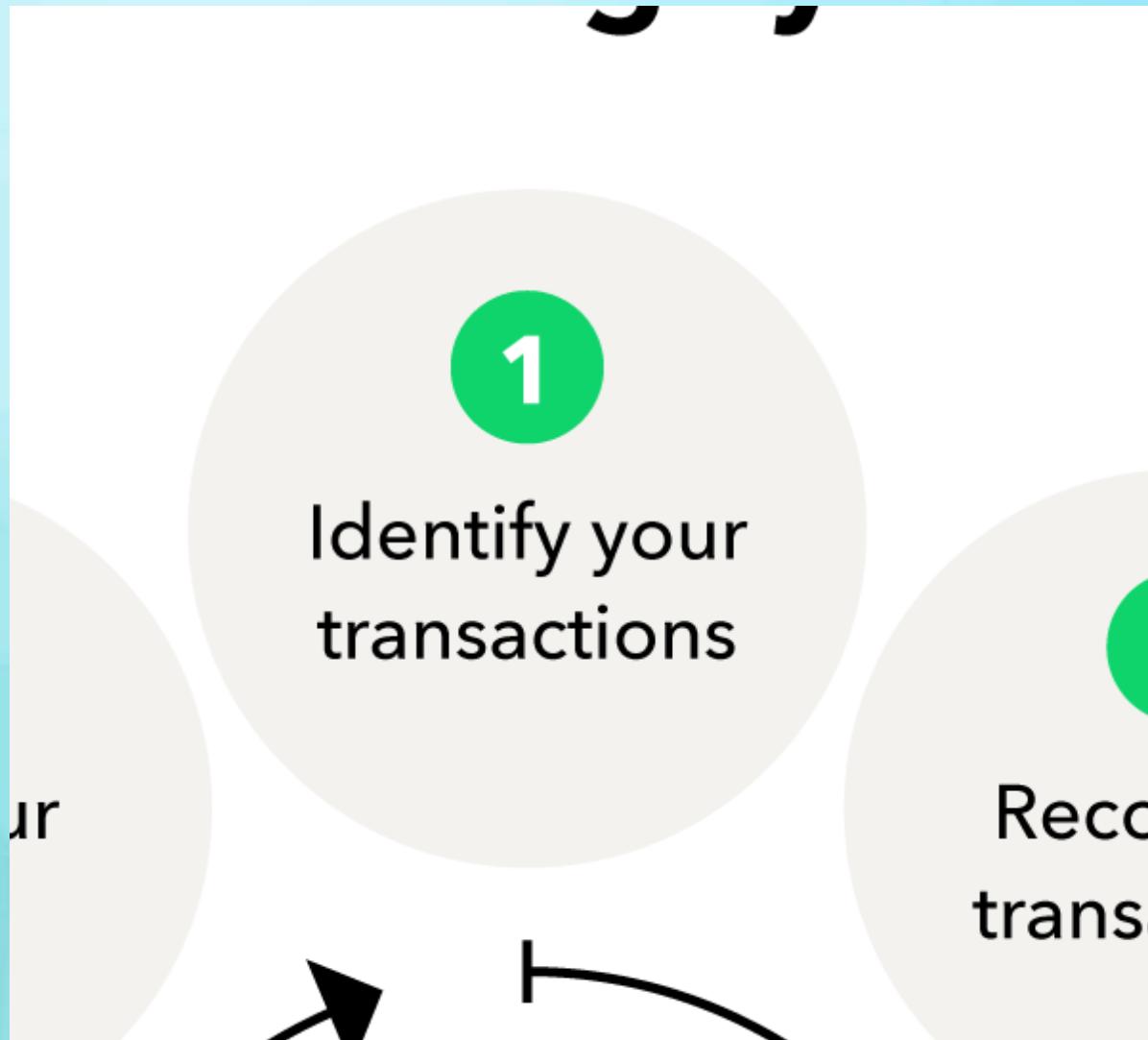
Guidance for management & auditors  
to identify and assess risks  
across all operational activities of an entity

# Financial Accounting Errors as “Risk”

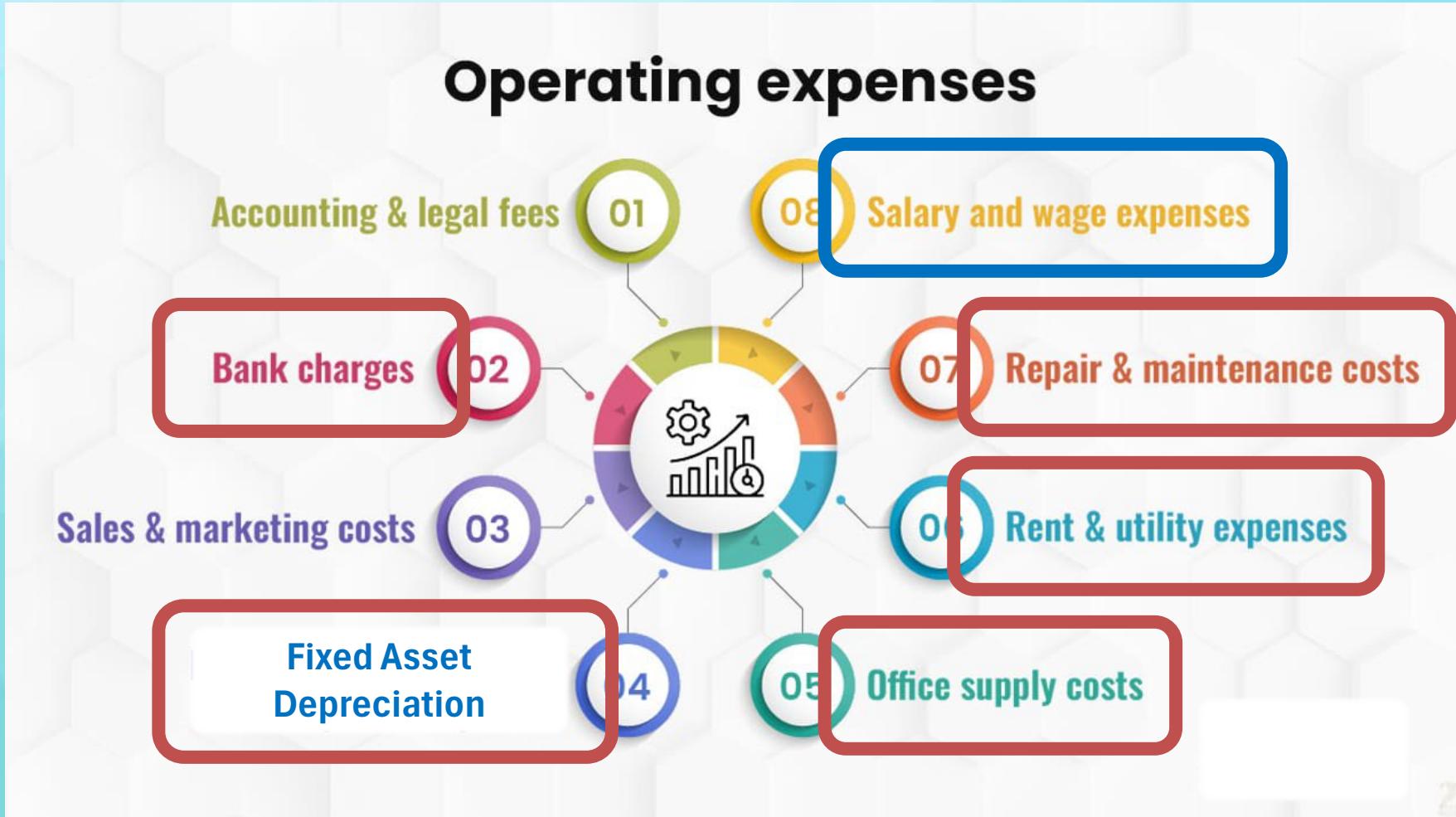
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# Transactions = Operational Activity & Expenses

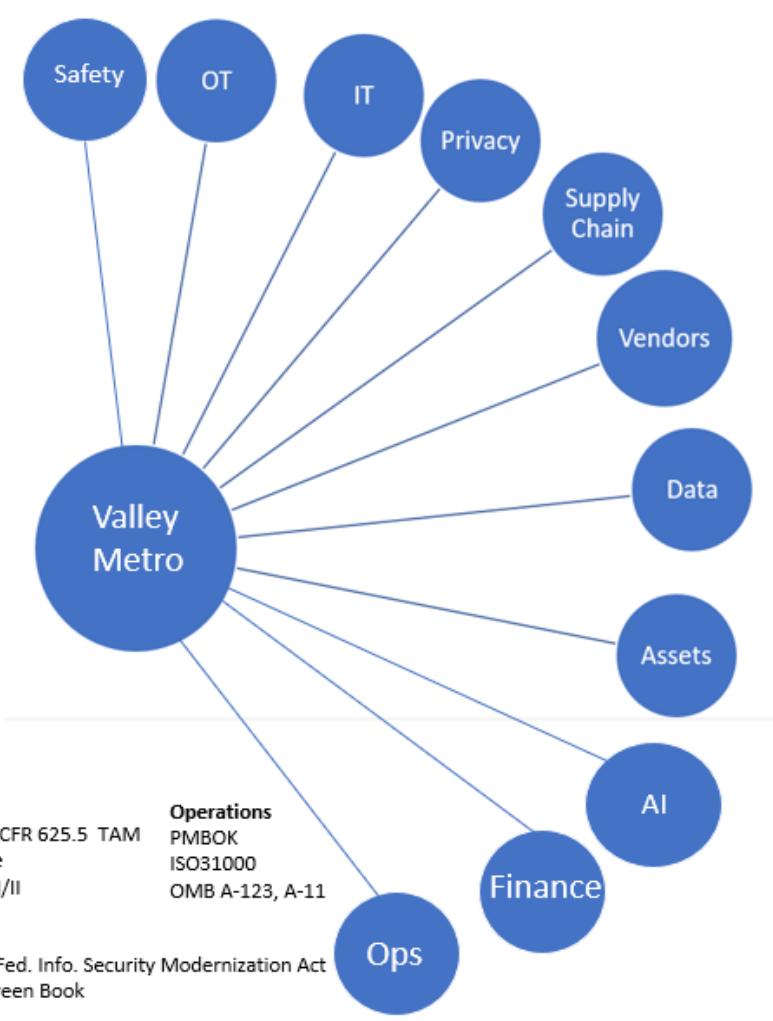


# Enterprise Risk Mindset = Total Operational Risk



# ERM Mindset into ERM Reality – Valley Metro

<b>Risk Activities</b> <i>(Where we need to go)</i>	
<b>Safety</b>	✓ FTA Safety Management System (SMS) Framework ✓ 49 CFR Part 673 – Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)
<b>OT Operational Technology / Critical Infrastructure</b>	✓ ISA/IEC 62443 1-1 to 4-2 Security of Industrial Automation and Control Systems for Critical Infrastructure. ✓ ISA 62443-3-2 Security Risk Assessment for Design ✓ ISO/IEC 27001 Information Security Management ✓ HSPD-7, HSPD-8 Homeland Security Presidential Directives ✓ DHS Coordination for Transportation Systems Sector-Specific Plan (SSP) ✓ ISA/IEC 62443 1-1 to 4-2 Security of Industrial Automation and Control Systems for Critical Infrastructure. ✓ ISA 62443-3-2 Security Risk Assessment for Design ✓ ISO/IEC 27001 Information Security Management ✓ HSPD-7, HSPD-8 Homeland Security Presidential Directives ✓ CISA NIPP National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) ✓ NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) Collaboration with CISA ✓ CISA Cyber Resilience Review (CRR): Voluntary assessment for evaluating cybersecurity management. ✓ CISA Risk and Vulnerability Assessments (RVA) ✓ CISA Cross-Sector Cybersecurity Performance Goals (CPGs): Baseline cybersecurity practices for critical infrastructure. ✓ DHS Risk Management Doctrine, IT Information Technology
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<b>Privacy / Transparency</b>	NIST PF-1 (Privacy Framework) OMB A-130 C Transparency & Public Access FOYA
<b>Supply Chain / Vendors</b>	NIST SP 800-161-1 / NIST 800-53-5 / NIST SP 800-37 Executive Order 14017 & 14028 OMB M-22-18 National Risk Mgt. Center Supply Chain Guidance NIST 800-161 Supply Chain Risk Management
<b>Data</b>	NIST CSF Cybersecurity Framework ISO/IEC 27005 FAIR Factor Analysis of Information Risk Cobit 2019 Data Quality Act AI
<b>Assets</b>	FTA 49 CFR 625.5 TAM
<b>Operations</b>	PMBOK ISO31000 OMB A-123, A-11
<b>Finance</b>	Basel III/II SOX COSO FISMA Fed. Info. Security Modernization Act GAO Green Book
<b>Ops</b>	
<b>AI</b>	
<b>Finance</b>	



# Risk Activities

*(Where we need to go)*

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- FOYA

## Data

- NIST CSF Cybersecurity Framework
- ISO/IEC 27005

## Supply Chain / Vendors

- NIST SP 800-161-1 / NIST 800-53-5 / NIST SP 800-37
- Executive Order 14017 & 14028
- OMB M-22-18
- National Risk Mgt. Center Supply Chain Guidance
- NIST 800-161 Supply Chain Risk Management

## FAIR Factor Analysis of Information Risk

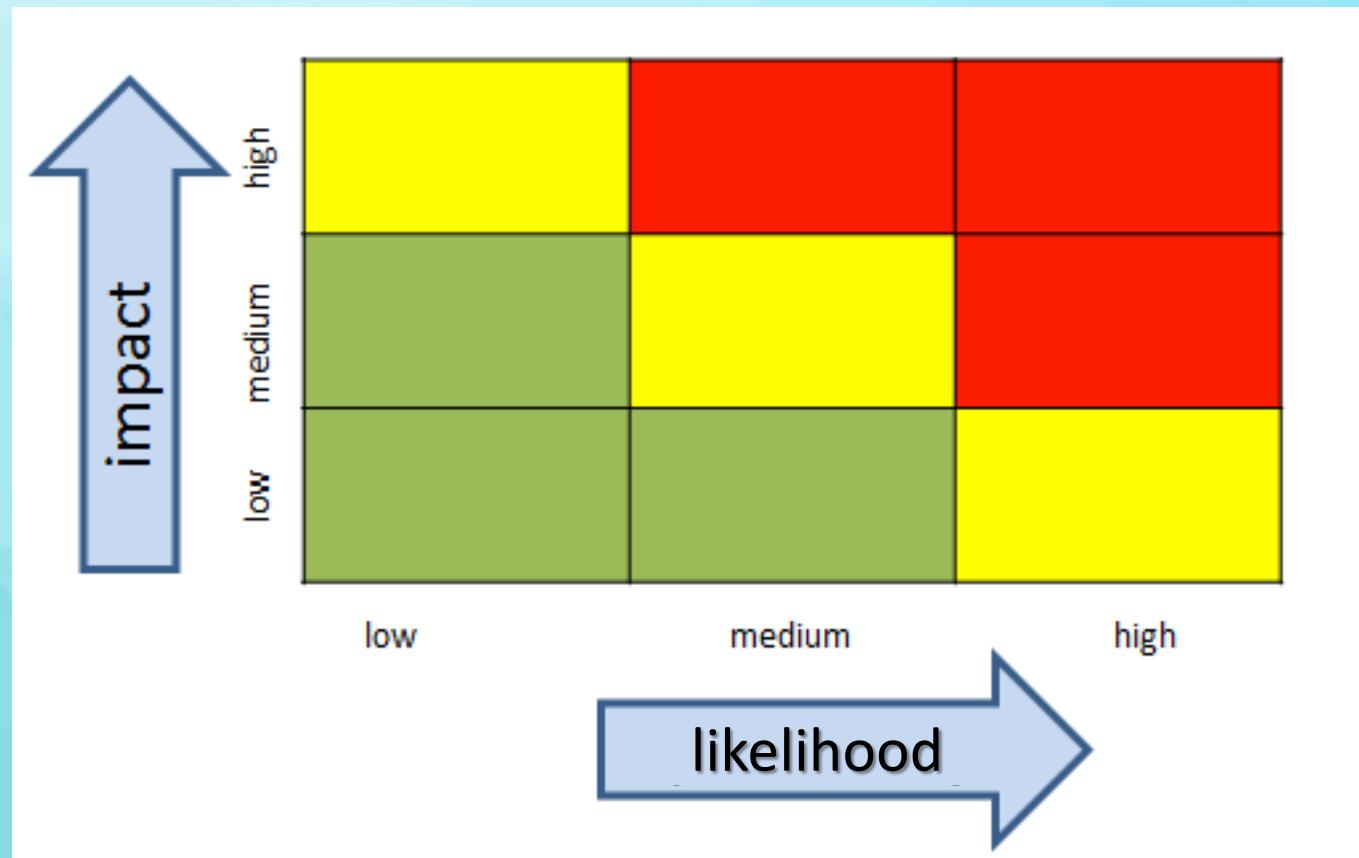
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Data Quality Act

## AI

- NIST AI RMF 1.0 (Artificial Intelligence Risk Mgt. Framework)
- NIST AI 600-1 (Generative Artificial Intelligence Profile)

# Perceptions of Risk





## *Data-based Reality of Risk*

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### Likelihood/Cause of a Risk Event

<b>High</b>	Expect to see once per year and
<b>Medium</b>	Expect to see once in 10 years and
<b>Low</b>	Expect to see once in 100 years



# Impact/Consequence of a Risk Event

Severity Category	External Impact or Consequence Type			
	Life	Clean Energy	Economic	Reputation
High Impact	100 to 1,000 deaths	500,000 to 5 million bbls of crude oil released	\$10 Billion to \$100 Billion	Multiple formal investigations (e.g., Congressional investigative hearing; OIG and GAO investigations); prolonged national media coverage; industry/public outrage and loss of confidence in [AGENCY] to perform its mission.
Med Impact	20 to 99 deaths	100,000 to 500,000 bbls of crude oil released	\$1 Billion to \$10 Billion	Congressional investigative hearing; OIG investigation; GAO forensic audit or special investigation; sustained national media coverage; industry/public backlash and decrease in confidence.
Low Impact	10 to 19 deaths	20,000 to 100,000 bbls of crude oil released	\$100 Million to \$1 Billion	GAO, Congressional, and White House inquiries; sustained regional media coverage; unfavorable industry/public response.

# How do we talk about risk?

## First a Change in mindset

The hidden costs of a "just-in-case" risk mindset



### Increased process friction

Rigid, complex controls create inefficiencies and bottlenecks.



### Suppressed innovation and agility

Excessive focus on risk avoidance stifles experimentation and agility.



### Resource drain

Maintaining burdensome controls diverts resources from strategic growth.

# Bow Tie Analysis (EXAMPLE)





# ERM & Green Book





## Risk Categories

**Governance Risks**

**Strategy Risks**

**Technology Risks**

**Reporting Risks**

**Financial Risks**

**Operations Risks**

**People Risks**

## Green Book Principles

**P1, P2**

**P6, P7, P9**

**P11**

**P13-P17**

**P8**

**P3, P10, P12**

**P4, P5**

# 5 Components: The Full Picture



# GAO Update July 2025



documentation  
requirements for **risk**  
**assessments** and **change**  
**assessments**



Including risks related to  
fraud, improper payments,  
and **information security**



**prioritizing**  
**preventive controls**

**OV 4.08 → OV 2.10-2.13**

## **OV 2.11 - Minimum Documentation Requirements**

**7.15 – Risk Assessment**

**9.05 – Change Assessment Process**

**12.02 – Policies and Procedures**

**17.05 – Control Deficiencies**

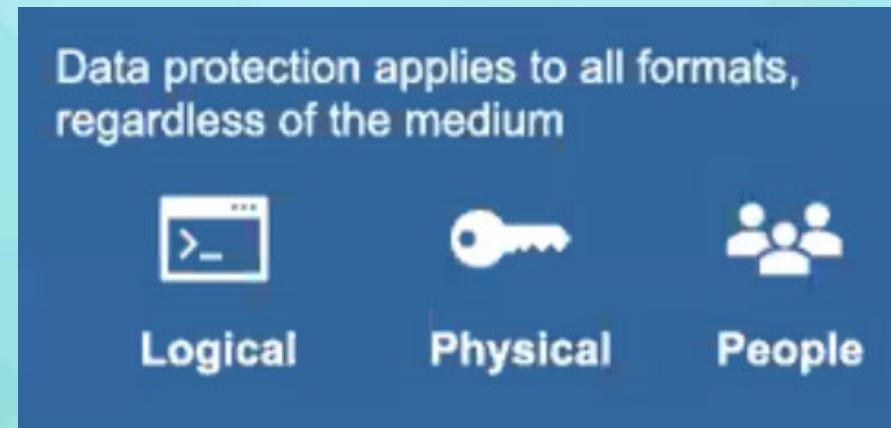
OV 1.06 → OV 1.07

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**NEW: OV 4.08 – OV 4.12**

## Information Technology

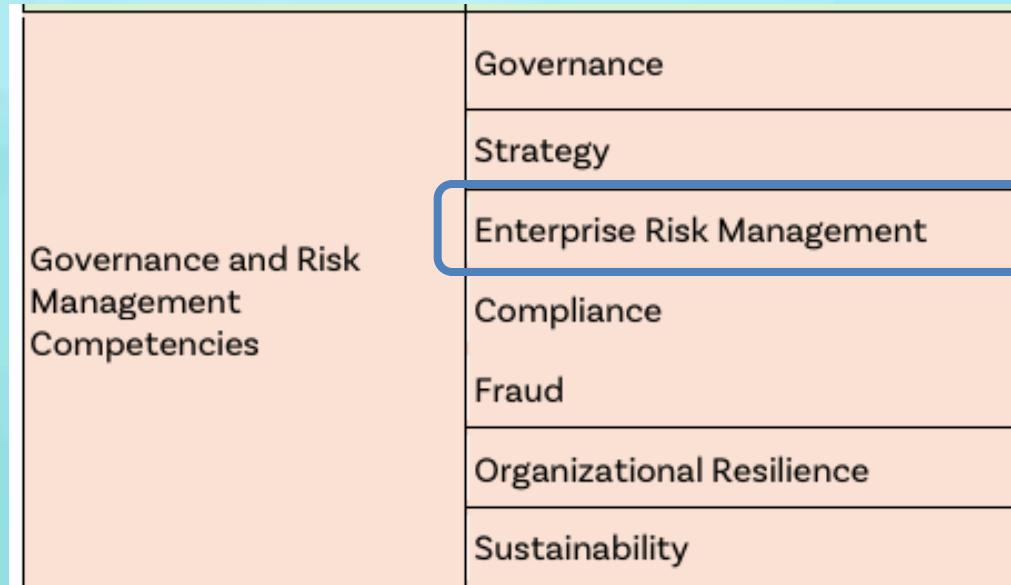
“...refers more broadly to the people, processes, data...  
that management uses ...  
to support the entity’s business processes.”



**NEW: OV 4.18 – OV 4.19**

# Enterprise Risk Management

“...more than internal control.”



## NEW: Principle 8 - 8.02 – 8.05

Identify Risks Related to Fraud,  
Improper Payments, and  
Information Security

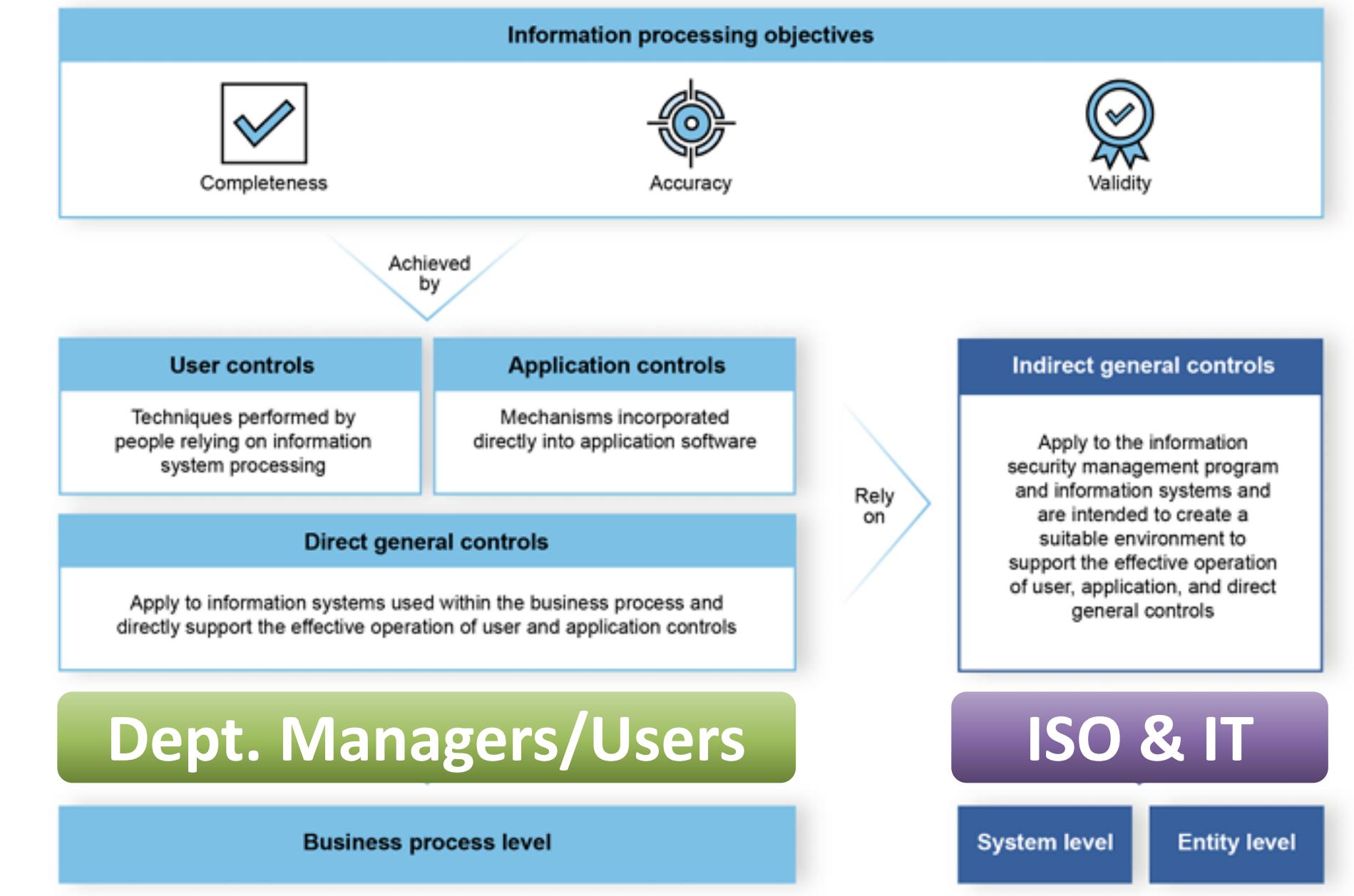
***8.02 “...same risk identification process ...  
for all analyzed risks.”***

## Principle 10, 10.10 – 10.13

### Design of **Preventive** and Detective Control Activities

*Workflow diagrams are great for this!*

Figure 4: Fundamental Information System Control Concepts



## Principle 11, 11.06

# Design of the Entity's Information Technology

“...support the entity’s business processes.”



## Principle 12, 12.02 – 12.04

# Documentation of Control Activities Through Policies and Procedures

“...in policies what is expected  
in procedures specified actions  
... to mitigate risks

OV 1.06 → OV 1.07

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# ERM Alignment *with* Role and Authority of Internal Audit

# Internal Audit Oversight Role

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- **Our Authority in CA Gov Code:**

- GC §26881, the Auditor –Controller has the responsibility to supervise and review **internal controls Countywide**.
- GC §1236, Local Government Internal Auditors shall conduct work according to professional standards (i.e. Yellow Book or Red Book)
- GC §13405 - State Leadership Accountability Act – Dept of Finance, State Auditor and SCO shall guide state agencies in conducting internal reviews of systems of internal control.
- GC § 12422.5 - [SCO] may audit any local agency for purposes of determining whether the agency's internal controls are adequate to detect and prevent financial errors and fraud.

- **County of Santa Clara, County Charter Article VI, § 601, 602:**

- “§ 601 (a)(b)(c)...The Auditor-Controller shall have the power and duty to:
  - (a) Keep accounts showing the financial ***transactions*** of all offices ...
  - (c) Prepare...reports...necessary for information and use in the ***management and control of the operations*** of the county.
- “§ 602...audit of the accounts and records of all offices and departments...”

## Role as Facilitator and Change Agent

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- **Our Mission:**

- The Audit Division helps the County accomplish its objectives by using a systematic, disciplined approach to ***improve*** governance, risk management, and control processes.

# Aligned Standards and Guidance



The Institute of  
**Internal  
Auditors**

**GASB**



GASB: Current Project: **Cybersecurity Risk Disclosures**  
GFOA: **Best Practice: Enterprise Risk Management**



**2 CFR § 200.303**  
“The recipient and  
subrecipient must...

**OMB A-123**



**CA GC § 1236**

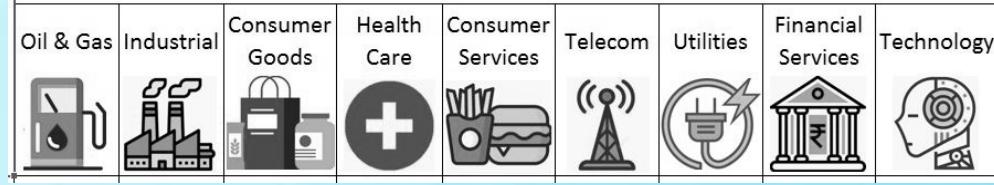


**County Internal Control  
Policy & Methods**  
- financial focus -



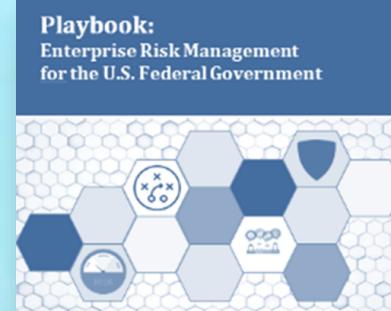
# Objectives

OMB A-11, Grants, Budget Priorities



# Risks & ERM

ISO, GFOA, OMB A-123



# Controls

GASB, GAO, CA State Controller



# Audit

IIA, GAO, CA GOV CODE



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# **SLAA Implementation at Finance**

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# Implementing SLAA: A Department's Approach





California  
Community  
Colleges



**INSPECTOR GENERAL**  
California Department of Transportation



# My SLAA Journey

hotell

alcohol

pool

Shopping

# Finance's Monitoring Framework



# Monitoring Framework Components

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- Monitoring Organizational Structure
- Roles & Responsibilities
- Communications Strategy
- Risk Assessment Process
- Risk Monitoring Tools
- Training
- Audits/Reviews

*Framework still in draft and subject to change.*

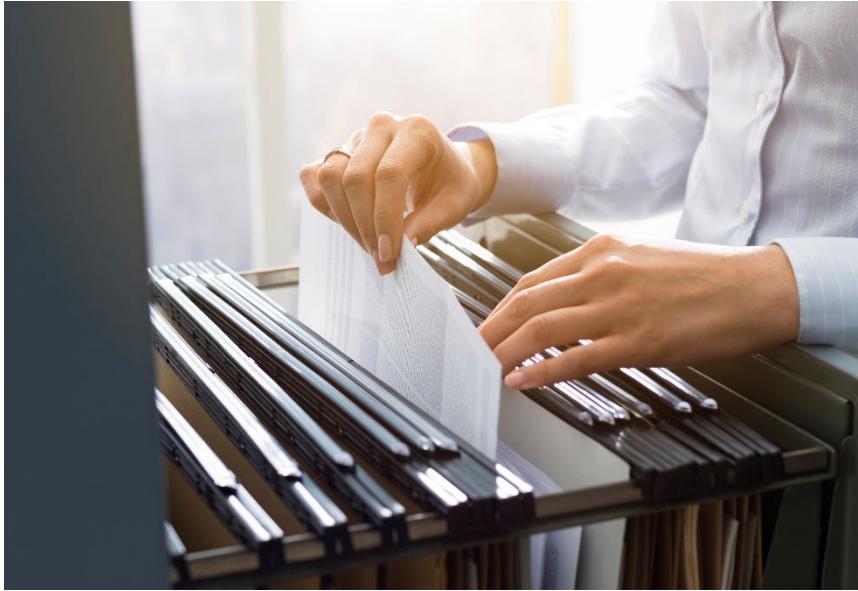
# Monitoring Organizational Structure

Tier 1	Director	Director
Tier 2	Executive Monitoring Sponsor	COO
Tier 3	Executive Management	Chief Deputies, Deputies, and Legal
Tier 4	Operational Management	Program Budget Managers (PBMs) and DD of Admin
Tier 5	Middle Management	Assistant PBMs, Chiefs, Assistant Chiefs
Tier 6	Supervisors and Managers	PPA II/IIIs, Supervisors, and Managers
Tier 7	Staff	Budget, Administrative, Accounting, IT, and Audit staff

# Communications Strategy

Communication Methods	Involved Parties	Frequency
Executive Meetings	Cap Office	Weekly
PBM Meetings	PBMs, DD of Admin & COO	Weekly
1:1 with COO	PBM and COO	1x month or as needed
PBM Offsites	PBMs & COO	2x year
Exec Offsite	Cap Office and PBMs	2x year
Daily Budget Check-Ins	Budget Management	As Needed
Unit Specific Meetings	Varies (All Staff, Teams, or 1:1s)	As Needed
Team Chats	All Staff	Daily

*List is not all-inclusive.*



# Risk Monitoring Tools

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- Risk Reporting Inbox
- Anonymous Reporting Portal on Finance's Intranet
- Email Reminders about CSA's Whistleblower Hotline and Finance's Risk Monitoring Tools
- Suggestion Boxes
- Surveys

# Trainings

Methods	Participants	Frequency
New Employee Orientation	New Employees	Once
IT Training	All Staff	Every year
Harassment Prevention	All Staff	Every 2 years
Cornerstone	All Staff	Varies
Defensive Driving	Certain Staff	Every 5 years
Mock Testimony Training	Budget Units, OSAE Management	Once
Various Leadership Training	Certain Staff	Once

*List is not all-inclusive.*

# Resources

- Strategic Plan (in progress)
- Succession Plan (in progress)
- Workforce Plan
- Administrative Policy Manual
- Leadership Handbook
- New Employee Handbook
- Unit-Specific Policies and Procedures



# Does Continuous Improvement Matter?

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“You tried your best and you failed miserably. The lesson is: never try.”

-Homer Simpson, The Simpsons Movie (2007)

# Compliance to Continuous Improvement

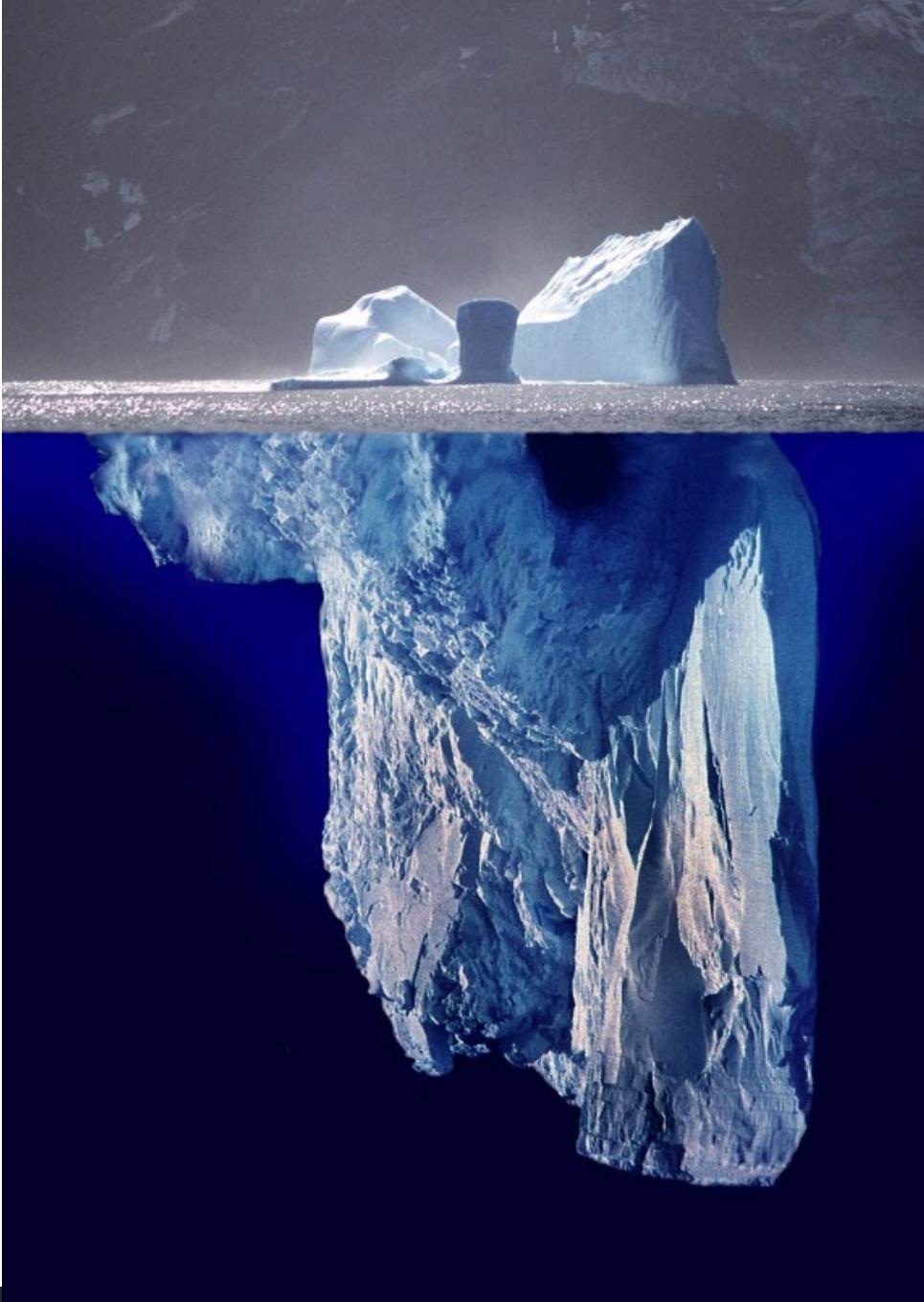
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“Compliance is doing things right; continuous improvement is doing the right things better.”  
*Philip B. Crosby*

“Without continual growth and progress, such words such as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning.” *Benjamin Franklin*

“Compliance is the foundation; continuous improvement is the journey.” *W. Edwards Deming*





# Thank you

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## SLAA Updates

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# Leadership Accountability Updates

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# Agenda

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1. SLAA Portal Access—MFA
2. New SAM 20080 reporting
3. Portal New Look
4. Report Layout - New Look
5. Top Risks and Controls
  - a. Risk Statements
  - b. Common Controls

# SLAA Portal Access

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Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) for first-time access.

[slaa.dof.ca.gov](https://slaa.dof.ca.gov)



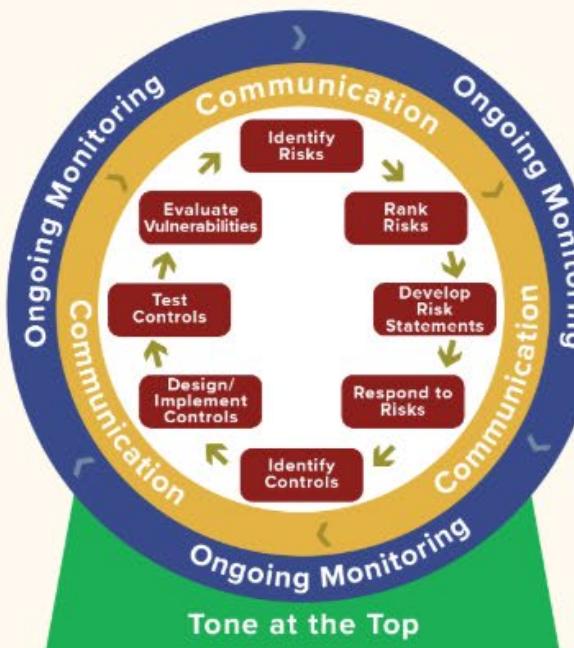
# State Leadership Accountability Act (SLAA)

→ Portal Log on

Welcome to the SLAA web portal. The SLAA team is here to assist you if you have any questions. You can reach us at [SLAAHotline@dof.ca.gov](mailto:SLAAHotline@dof.ca.gov).

Government Code sections 13400 through 13407, known as the State Leadership Accountability Act (SLAA), was enacted to reduce the waste of resources and strengthen internal control. SLAA requires each state agency to maintain effective systems of internal control, to evaluate and monitor the effectiveness of these controls on an ongoing basis, and to biennially report on the adequacy of the agency's systems of internal control.

## Risk and Control Model





## State Leadership Accountability Act (SLAA)

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# New SAM 20080 Reporting

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**Available actions - quick guide**

- Fill in what applies to your entity.
- Select Yes or No and save.
- **Another entity reports for your entity:** choose from the list, leave blank, or select Clear to remove.
- **Report for your own or others:** add rows, enter details, delete if needed.

**■ Tracking Compliance (SAM 20080)**  
Is your entity tracking and monitoring incidents of loss and error?

Yes  No Save tracking

**■ Another Entity Reports for Your Organization**

Select reporting entity (optional)

Leave blank if no one else reports for you.

Save reporting entity

**■ Entities You Are Reporting For**

Add my entity + Add other entity

Save all submissions

## Entities You Are Reporting For

 Add my entity

 + Add other entity

### Entity Submission #1 (My Entity)



Select organization

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Incidents  
0

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Total Amount (\$)  
\$ 0

\$

Tracking Start Date



Tracking End Date

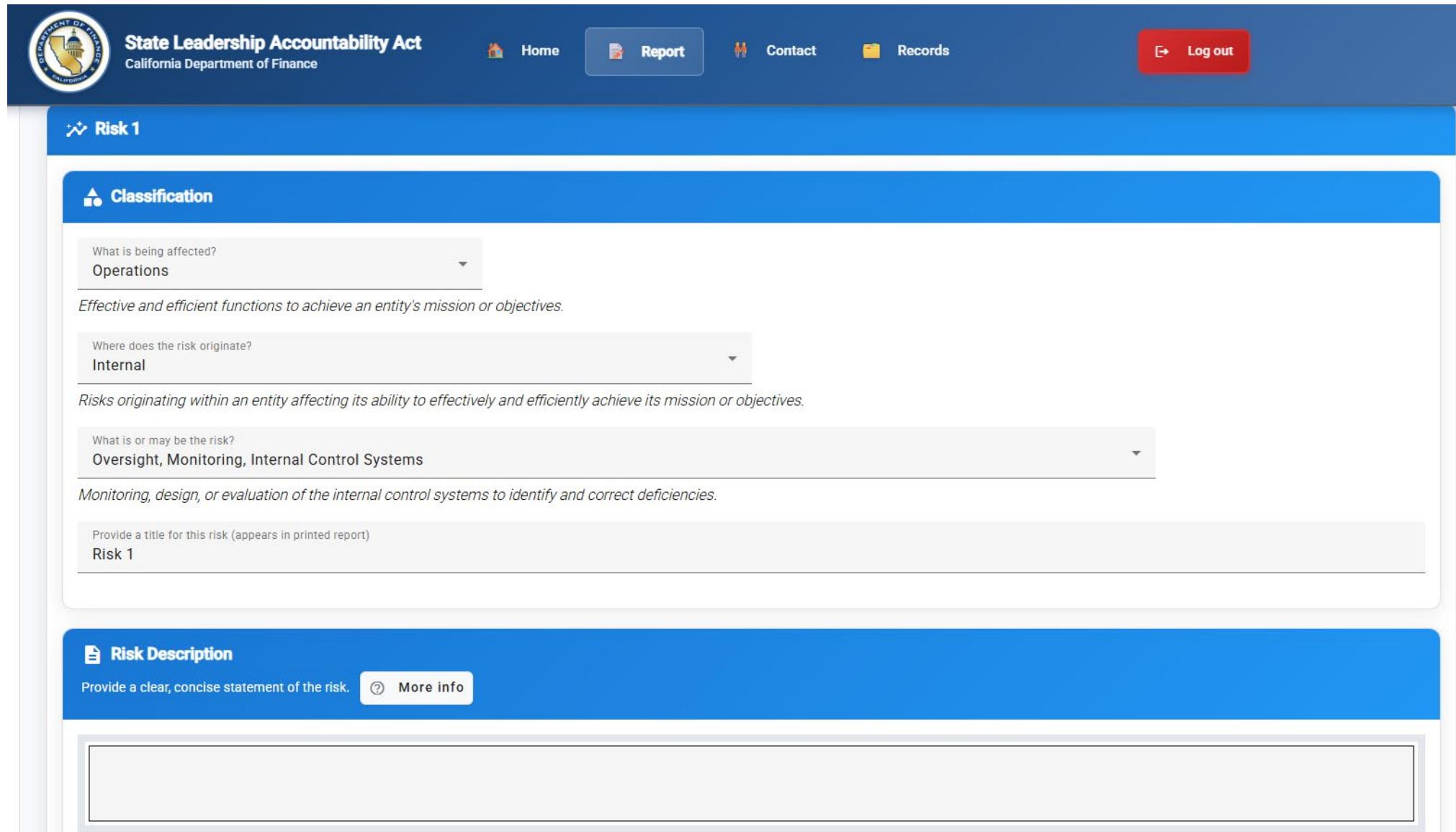


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# A New Look for the Portal



The screenshot displays the California Department of Finance's State Leadership Accountability Act portal. The top navigation bar includes the California state seal, the text "State Leadership Accountability Act California Department of Finance", and links for "Home", "Report" (which is highlighted in a blue box), "Contact", "Records", and "Log out".

The main content area is titled "Risk 1". The first section, "Classification", contains the following information:

- What is being affected? **Operations**
- Effective and efficient functions to achieve an entity's mission or objectives.
- Where does the risk originate? **Internal**
- Risks originating within an entity affecting its ability to effectively and efficiently achieve its mission or objectives.
- What is or may be the risk? **Oversight, Monitoring, Internal Control Systems**
- Monitoring, design, or evaluation of the internal control systems to identify and correct deficiencies.
- Provide a title for this risk (appears in printed report) **Risk 1**

The second section, "Risk Description", contains the following text:

Provide a clear, concise statement of the risk. [More info](#)

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# Report – New Look

## 2025 Leadership Accountability Report Draft

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The following methods were used to identify risks: brainstorming meetings, employee engagement surveys, audit/review results, other/prior risk assessments, and questionnaires.

The following criteria were used to rank risks: likelihood of occurrence, timing of potential event, and potential impact of remediation efforts.

### RISKS AND CONTROLS

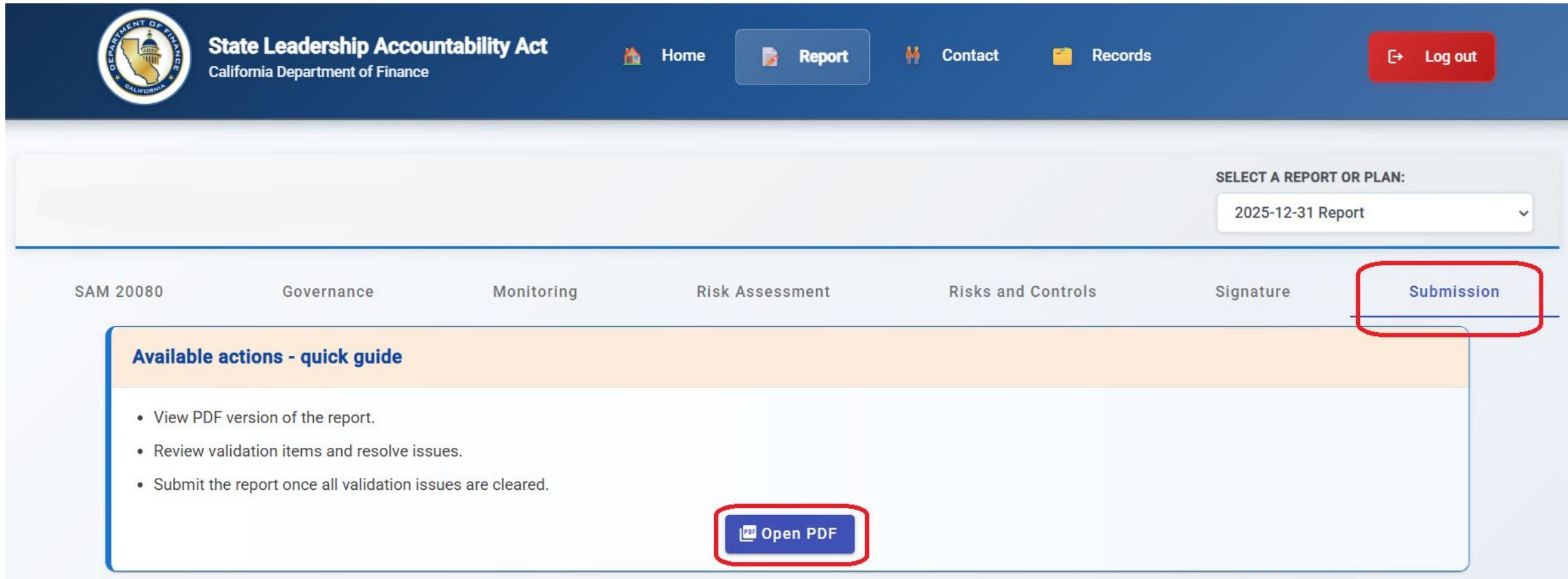
#### Risk: Hiring Process, Recruitment, and Retention

If the Department does not improve recruitment, hiring, and retention processes, and collaborate more effectively with our internal and external stakeholders, then we will continue to have small candidate pools, lose high caliber prospects, and have positions unfilled longer than necessary, as well as staff shortages and overturn, which may cause us to be less effective in delivering on our critical mandates and promises to California.

#### Control: Statewide Strategic Recruitment

Departmental recruitment efforts have historically been initiated based on an identified need, either because of an increase in workload requirements, in order to combat attrition, or to address hard to fill classification vacancies. This has established recruitment as a reactionary mechanism, impacting delivery goals while recruitment efforts are planned, developed, and executed. The Statewide Strategic Recruitment effort is designed as a proactive approach to outreach, with the goal of creating qualified applicant lists that can be leveraged by districts/divisions for the duration a Job Control is valid. Departmental recruitment efforts have historically been initiated based on an identified need, either because of an increase in workload requirements, in order to combat attrition, or to address hard to fill classification vacancies. This has established recruitment as a reactionary mechanism, impacting delivery goals while recruitment efforts are planned, developed, and executed. The Statewide Strategic Recruitment effort is designed as a proactive approach to outreach, with the goal of creating qualified

# Draft SLAA Report



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California Department of Finance

Home Report Contact Records Log out

SELECT A REPORT OR PLAN:  
2025-12-31 Report

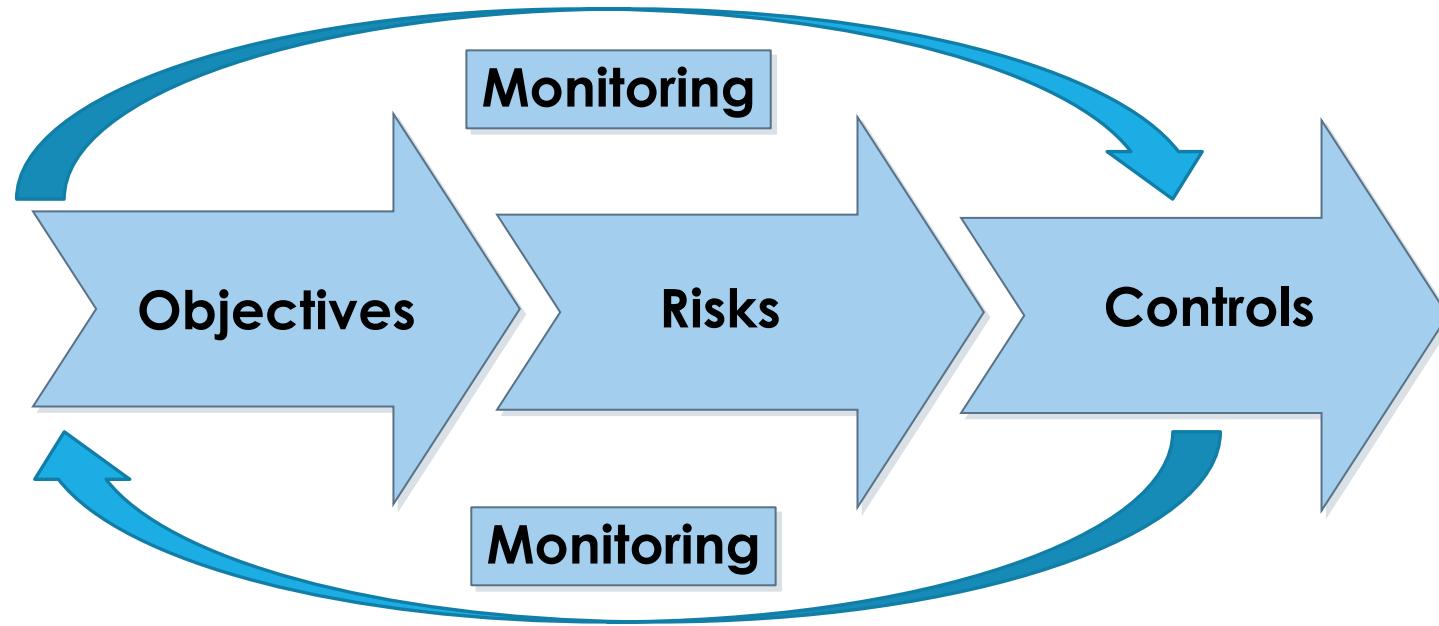
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**Available actions - quick guide**

- View PDF version of the report.
- Review validation items and resolve issues.
- Submit the report once all validation issues are cleared.

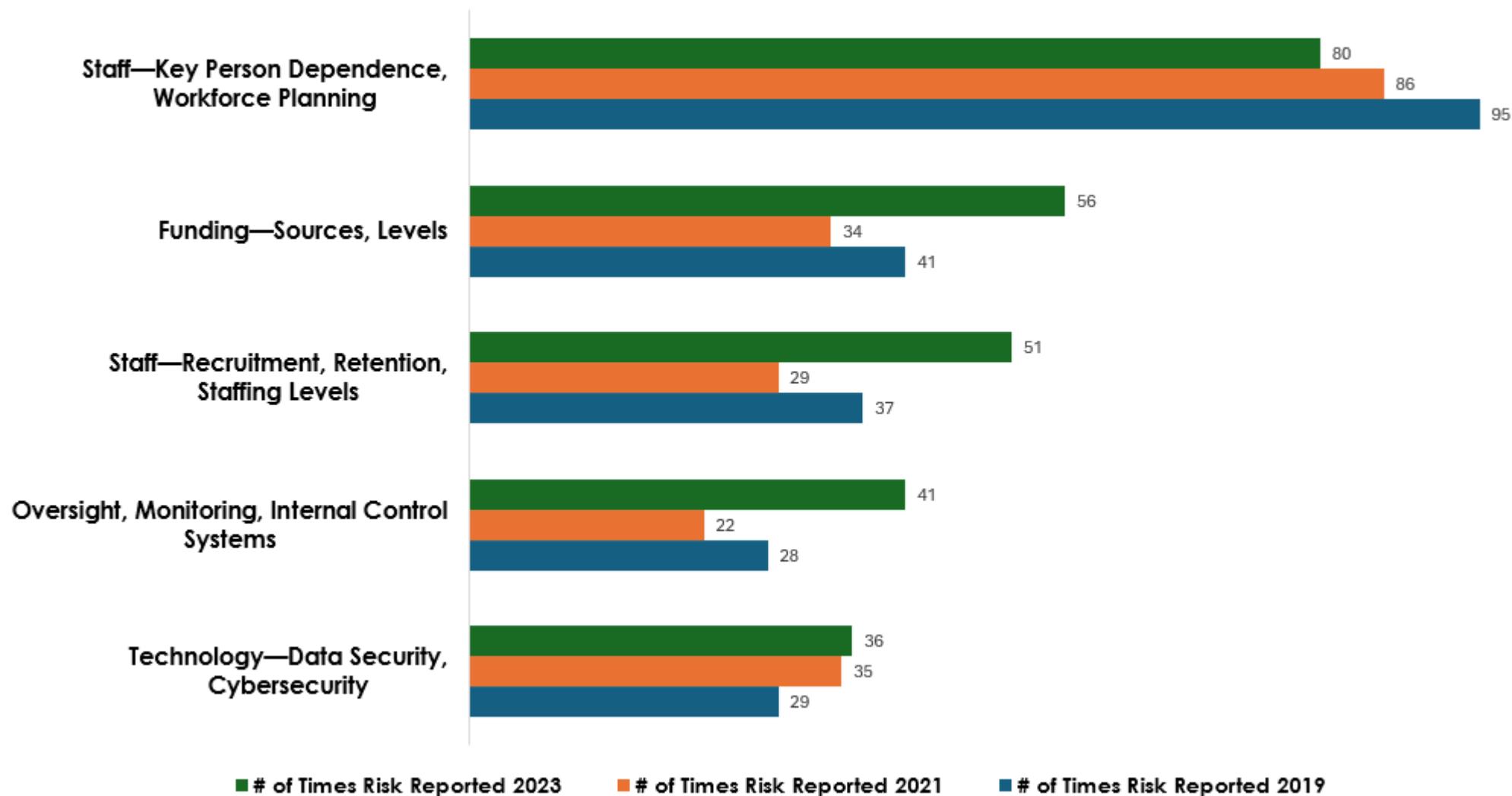
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# Risk Management



1. **Objective** – What are you aiming to accomplish?
2. **Risks** – What can stop you from achieving your goal?
3. **Controls** – What will you do to ensure success?
4. **Monitoring** – How do you know if it's working?

## Top 5 Statewide Risks 2019-2023



# Risk Statement Elements

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# Risk Statement Examples

High employee turnover caused by high stress work environments can cause delays in completing objectives.

What could go wrong?

What is the cause?

What is the result?

# Risk Statement Examples

Without proper employee training, staff can feel overwhelmed and ill-equipped to handle their workload, which can result in lower-quality work products.

What could go wrong?

What is the cause?

What is the result?

# Workforce Risk Example

## Key Person Dependence

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The agency has limited positions, personnel with training and expertise sufficient to provide backup for key positions, which leads to dependence upon key persons. The risk is that duties and tasks mandated or critical to completing the entity's mission may not be completed accurately or in a timely manner if key personnel are unavailable.

# Types of Risk Responses

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## Preventative

**prevents  
something from  
happening**

## Detective

**finds problem  
once it has  
occurred**

## Corrective

**repairs or restores  
resources and  
capabilities to  
their prior state**

# Risk Response Examples

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- Standing agenda item
- Training
- Strategic & workforce plans
- Project scoring criteria
- Questionnaires
- Employee evaluations
- Grant application criteria
- Templates, checklist, route form
- Budget detail worksheets
- Documented policies, procedures, tasks, desk manual
- Meetings

# Staff—Key Person Dependence, Workforce Planning, Recruitment, Retention, Staffing Levels

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## Controls:

- Use a focused recruitment and retention strategy to attract and keep qualified staff
- Advertising vacancies broadly
- Partner with CalHR to review classifications and pay

# Staff—Key Person Dependence, Workforce Planning, Recruitment, Retention, Staffing Levels

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## Controls:

- Maintain a workforce and succession plan to identify key positions
- Capture institutional knowledge
- Prepare staff for future leadership through training and mentoring

# Staff—Key Person Dependence, Workforce Planning, Recruitment, Retention, Staffing Levels

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## Controls:

- Identify a backup for all key personnel
- Document processes, procedures, and tasks
- Cross-train staff

# Participant Poll

Risk Categories:

Key Person Dependence, Workforce Planning, Staffing Levels, Recruiting and Retention.

Question:

Will this be a risk in 2025?

Vote in the Chat:

Yes, No, or Not sure

# Oversight, Monitoring, Internal Control Systems

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## Control:

- monitor operations to ensure compliance with internal controls and policies
- Staff perform reviews, asset checks, and compliance assessments

# Participant Poll

Risk Categories:

Oversight, Monitoring, Internal Control Systems

Question:

Will this be a reported risk in 2025?

Vote in the Chat:

Yes, No, or Not sure

# Cyber Risk Example

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**What could go wrong:** privacy and security of the information assets and data subjects could be compromised

**Caused by:** cyber security incident

**Results in:** service delivery impacts

# Cyber Risk Control Examples

- independent security assessments and information security program audits identify weaknesses to be addressed
- IT policies to protect information
- Personnel acknowledge IT policies & standards

# Technology—Data Security, Cybersecurity

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## Control:

- Protect systems and data through a coordinated cybersecurity program led by the Information Security Officer
- Regular risk assessments, password and access controls, and multi-factor authentication help prevent unauthorized access
- Performs periodic audits and monitor for new threats to guard for safe and reliable systems

# Technology—Data Security, Cybersecurity

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## Control:

- All employees complete annual cybersecurity and privacy training to stay aware of risks and best practices for protecting data
- Department provides reminders, phishing-awareness messages, and alerts about suspicious activity to promote safe habits

# Cyber Risk Control Examples

- Conducts monthly phishing exercises
- Annual mandatory information security and privacy training.

# Cyber Risk Control Examples

Information Security Incident and Event Response Plan and Technology Recovery Plan that describe requirements, expectations, roles, and responsibilities; define processes and procedures; and create channels for effective and timely communication.

# Cyber Risk Control Examples

IT Strategic Plan: Establish measures and initiatives aimed at meeting information security goals and objectives and reducing information security risk across the organization.

# Participant Poll

Risk Categories:

Technology, Data Security, Cyber Security

Question:

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# Participant Poll

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## Questions:

1. Is your department having 'Return to Office' discussions?
2. Will your department need to lease more space?
3. Will 'Return to Office' efforts be a 2025 risk?

# Leadership Accountability Tools and Resources

- Department of Finance Public Website
  - [State Leadership Accountability Act \(SLAA\)](#)
  - [SAM 20080 Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- SLAA Hotline [SLAAHotline@dof.ca.gov](mailto:SLAAHotline@dof.ca.gov)
- Free download, *Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government (Green Book)* at <https://www.gao.gov/assets/gao-25-107721.pdf>



## What's Next?

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# GRCC Resources/Next Meeting

- [GRCC on the GovOps Website](#)
  - Subscribe to our ListServ
- Winter Newsletter/Survey
- Next Meeting – May 2026

The screenshot shows the official website of the State of California, CalGovOps. The page features a navigation bar with links to 'About us', 'What we do', and 'Resource Center'. The main content area is titled 'Governance, Risk Management and Compliance Council' and includes a circular logo for the GRCC. Below the title, there is a section titled 'About the Council' with a description of the council's purpose and a list of background and resources.

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**About the Council**

The Governance, Risk Management and Compliance Council (Council) is a member-driven professional council whose purpose is to advance sound governance, risk, and compliance management principles for California public entities. Members share knowledge and resources on these principles and related practices to improve operational performance and the delivery of their mission.

**Background and Resources**

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- [Resources](#)
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