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Appendix C – Checklist for Review of Financial Audits Performed by the OIG



What I'll Talk About Today

- > Current guidance
- Standards
 - General
 - Field work
 - Reporting



Questions

Why am I before you today?

- > Team member for March 2009 update of the guide
- ➢ Performed peer reviews and/or subject to external peer reviews 6 times since 2009; used CIGIE Peer Review guide as internal quality control tool
- > Performed Federal financial statement audits, started in 1992
- > Team member for most recent version of GAO/PCIE Financial Audit Manual
- Contracting Representative for Federal financial statement audits



Current Guidance

- **➢ December 2011 Yellow Book**
- > Effective dates for
 - ➤ Performance Audits (2011 Yellow Book)
 - Financial Statement Audits (2007 Yellow Book)

> CIGIE Appendix C References



General Standards

- ➤ General Standards Should be covered in Appendix B (GAS)
 - Independence
 - Professional Judgment
 - Competence
- Staffing Experienced financial statement auditors



Field Work Standards

➤ References both GAS and AICPA Standards

GAS
✓ Communication
✓ Prior Reports
 ✓ Contracts or grants (material misstatements)
✓ Elements of a Finding
✓ Audit Documentation



Reporting Standards

AICPA	GAS
✓ GAAP	✓ Compliance with GAS
✓ Disclosures	✓ Report on Internal Controls & Compliance
✓ Opinion on FS	 ✓ Reporting deficiencies (IC & Compliance)
	✓ Significant matters, AU
	✓ Restatement, AU Section 561
	✓ Subsequent events, AU 560
	√ Views of responsible official
	✓ Report distribution



Policies and Procedures

> Did OIG follow

√ Checklists

FAM 2010 or equivalent

FAM 2020 or equivalent

- ✓Independent referencer
- ✓ Other quality control procedures





Conclusion

- ➤ The adequacy of the OIG policies and procedures are evaluated in Appendix A:
 - ✓ Sufficient evidence
 - ✓ Developing elements of a finding
 - ✓ Documentation
 - ➤ If reviewer concludes that the financial audit work has met professional standards, but...
 - ✓ Inadequate policies and procedures, or
 - ✓ Non-compliance with agency policies and procedures...



...what to do?



Policies and Procedures

Letter of Comment

✓ Non compliance with or inadequate agency procedure would ordinarily be reported as findings in the Letter of Comment and not impact the peer review rating.



Questions



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