



INTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE

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AGENDA

- **Internal Audit: Purpose, Authority and Responsibility**
- **Internal Audit Charter**
- **2023 Internal Audit Activity**
- **2024 Planned Audit Activities**
- **Governance and Management of Findings**
- **Department Organization**

INTERNAL AUDITOR

Purpose

To provide ongoing, objective and independent review of internal controls and independent appraisals, audits, analysis and counsel related to the business risk assessment



Authority

Internal Audit performs audit activities in conformance with:

- The Fiscal Control and Internal Auditing Act (FCIAA)
- International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing Standards (IIA Standards)
- Code of Ethics of the Institute of Internal Auditors
- State of Illinois Internal Audit Advisory Board (SIAAB)
- Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS)
- Internal Audit Charter



Responsibility

To review:

- Reliability and integrity of financial and operating information
- Fiscal, operational and administrative operations
- Systems established to ensure compliance with policies, plans, procedures, laws and regulations that could significantly impact operations

Responsibility to evaluate effectiveness and efficiency with which resources are employed



INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER

- ✓ Purpose
- ✓ Accountability, authority and access
- ✓ Responsibilities
- ✓ Scope of work
- ✓ Independence
- ✓ Reporting process
- ✓ Periodic assessments

ILLINOIS STATE TOLL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY INTERNAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT

INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER

Purpose

The Fiscal Control and Internal Auditing Act (FCIAA) requires the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (Tollway) to establish and maintain a full time program of internal auditing. The Internal Audit Department (IA) provides the Tollway's internal auditing program. FCIAA also requires audits of major systems of internal accounting and administrative control on a periodic basis. These systems will be identified during the annual audit planning process.

Internal Audit is an independent, objective assurance and consulting activity, which is established to add value and improve the Tollway's operations. IA will assist the Tollway in accomplishing its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of governance, risk management and control processes.

Values and Core Principles

IA's values and core principles include the following:

- Integrity and professional care;
- A commitment to quality and continuous improvement;
- Independent assessments of risk and control;
- Fostering future-focused collaboration and team work in alignment with organizational strategies and objectives;
- Promotion of risk awareness and risk management throughout the Tollway;
- Provision of effective, balanced, and objective communication to management and the Finance & Audit Committee.

Accountability, Authority and Access

2023 INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIVITY

Completed Activities

- ✓ Two-year audit plan
- ✓ Annual certification letter
- ✓ Cycle audits (4)
- ✓ September 30 report
- ✓ Operational audits
- ✓ Support key Tollway initiatives
- ✓ Payment Card Industry (PCI) audit
- ✓ Peer reviews to assist other state agencies
- ✓ Audit finding remediation

2023 Audits



- Vendor IT Risk Management Review (1)
- Network Device Audit (2)
- Errors and Omissions Audit (1)
- Organization and Management Cycle (1)
- Purchasing, Contracting and Leasing Cycle (1)
- Personnel and Payroll Cycle (2)
- Ethics Compliance Audit (0)
- Records Retention Audit (1)
- Expenditure Control Cycle (2)
- Design Engineer's Estimate Review (1)
- Petty Cash (if disbursements >\$5,000)
- Grants (if the Tollway receives federal grants)

2024 PLANNED AUDIT ACTIVITIES

2024 Cycle Audits

- Administrative Support Services
- Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting
- Revenues and Receivables
- Property, Equipment and Inventories
- Electronic Data Processing
- Grant Administration (if necessary)
- Petty Cash (if disbursements exceed \$5,000)

Other Key Audit Activities

- Risk-based and external party reviews
- Special projects, management requests and department initiatives
- Finding remediation and resolution
- Support to other state agencies
- Inspector General assistance
- Training and education
- Volunteer and outreach activities



GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF FINDINGS

Internal audit is independent, free of operational duties and no restrictions are placed upon work or access

- Audit observations and recommendations addressed by management
- Responses and estimated implementation dates provided by Tollway management
- Internal Audit follows up on finding status monthly and annually for Certification Letter
- Frequent interaction and reporting to support the business units
- Monthly touch base meetings held with each department
- Monthly report distributed to management/key stakeholders
- Coordinated efforts with Executive Director
- Monthly meetings and additional communications with the Chairman and Finance & Audit Chair
- Support from the Board of Directors, Finance & Audit Chair, and Executive Office driving results

DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

Chief Internal Auditor

Oversees Executive Secretary and Department

● **Senior Internal Audit Manager**
Oversees Internal Audit Managers

● **Internal Audit Managers (2)**
Oversees Internal Audit Supervisor and staff

● **Internal Audit Supervisor**
*Oversees: Senior Internal Auditors (2),
Internal Auditors (3), Strategy Analysts (2)*

Vacancies

- Senior Internal Auditor Manager
- Internal Auditor Manager (*Construction*)
- Internal Audit Supervisor
- Two Internal Auditors
- Two Strategy Analysts



THANK YOU

