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# WHAT TO EXPECT FROM AN AUDIT & HOW TO PREPARE

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## **REQUIRED AUDIT**

• Indiana Code 5-11-1-9

Requires the State Examiner to examine all accounts and all financial affairs of every public entity

## • Federal Grant Agreements

Federal grant agreements commonly call for an annual audit

## Debt Covenants & Bond Rating Agencies

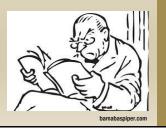
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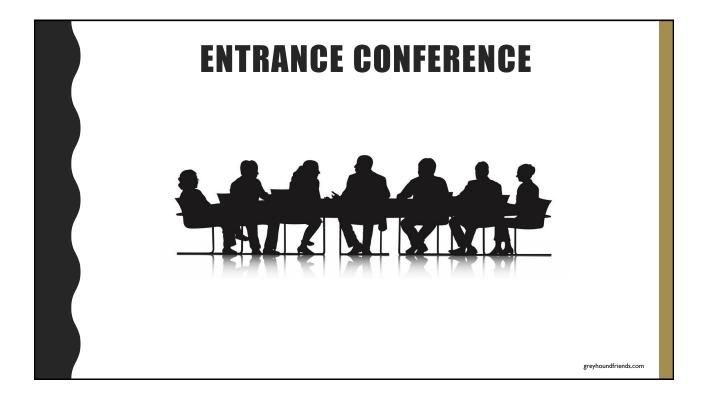
### TYPES OF ENGAGEMENTS

- Federal Single Audit
  - Expenditures of Federal assistance exceeds \$750,000
- Examination
  - Performed for units that have outstanding debt
- Compliance Reports
  - Performed for units that do not have outstanding debt
  - Have revenues confirmed by outside sources
  - Have a limited amount of funds
- Centralized Compliance Reports
  - Performed for smaller units
  - Ease of records to be transmitted to SBOA central office in Indianapolis
  - Units of low risk

## GOALS OF AN ENGAGEMENT

- Provide Opinions on Financial Information Presented by Auditee
  - Unmodified, or "clean" opinion, lets readers know the information is materially correct
  - Modified opinion lets readers know there are issues that need to be taken into consideration when it comes to the information presented
- Provide Reader with Noncompliance of Federal Requirements for Major Programs and State Requirements
  - Federal: Section II (Financial Statement Compliance); Section III (Major Program Compliance)
  - State: Audit Results and Comments (significant or impactful to the unit and/or public)
- Provide Management with less Significant Noncompliance of State Requirements
  - Management Letter General Noncompliance with State Statute or SBOA Compliance Guidelines Manual





#### **ENTRANCE CONFERENCE**

## Who is invited?

- > Those charged with governance Council President
- > Management Fiscal Officer: Clerk-Treasurer or Controller

## What is discussed?

- > Introduction to the Field Examiners that will be working on the audit
- > General overview of:
  - Audit Objectives
  - Management Responsibilities
  - Audit Procedures (general, internal control, compliance)
  - Informing Management of general records that will be requested
  - Start date & expected issuance date

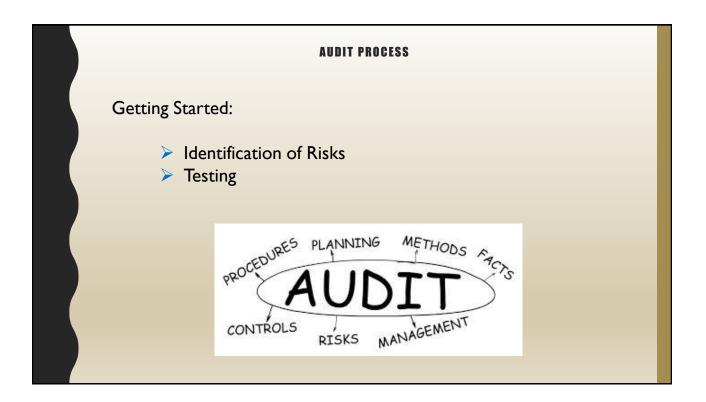
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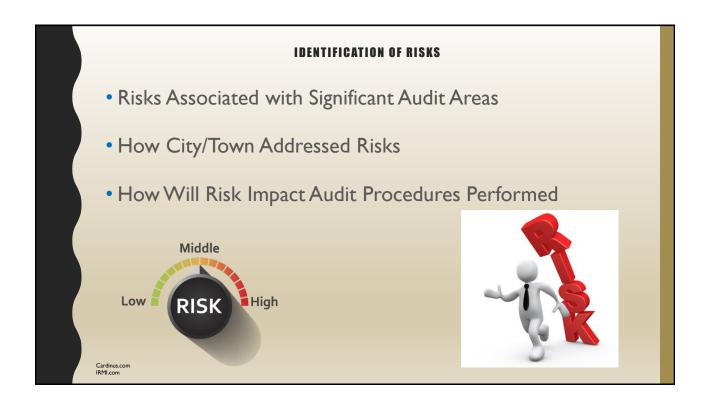
## **Continuing Expectations**

Provide and inform attendees with a method to allow for continued communication throughout the audit process

## Field Examiners will:

- > Explain the objectives of the engagement
- > Explain what responsibilities management has
- > Inform management of audit fees
- > Answer any questions regarding the audit process

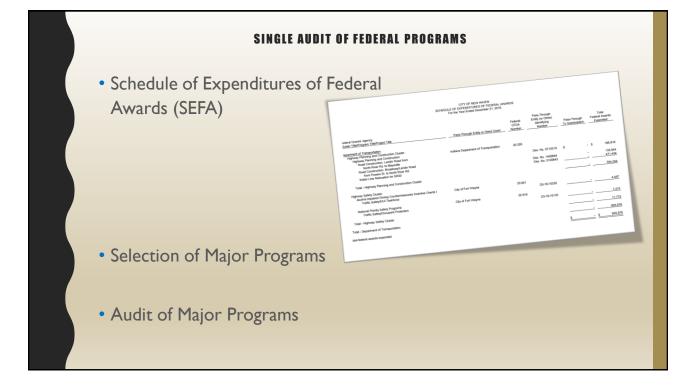






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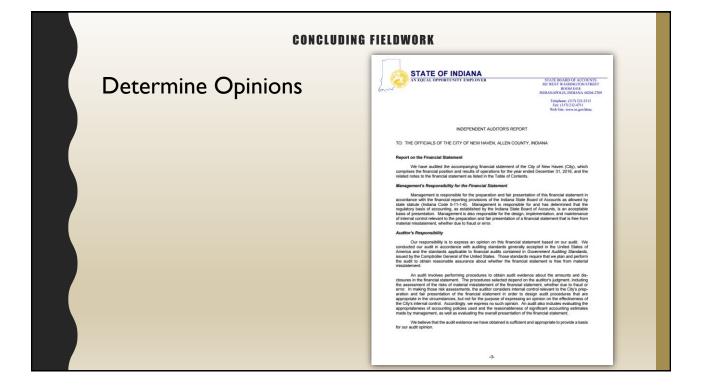
- Financial Ledger
- Bank Statements and Reconcilements
- Claims / Receipts / Supporting Documentation
- Minutes of Meetings (include to current date)
- Ordinances / Resolutions
- Contracts
- Policies and Procedures including Internal Controls
- Financial Reports filed with State and/or Federal Government
- Grant Documents
  - Federal
  - Grant Applications and Agreements are key

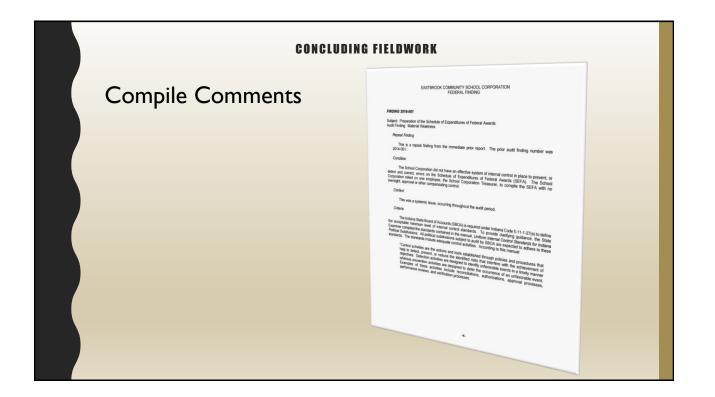


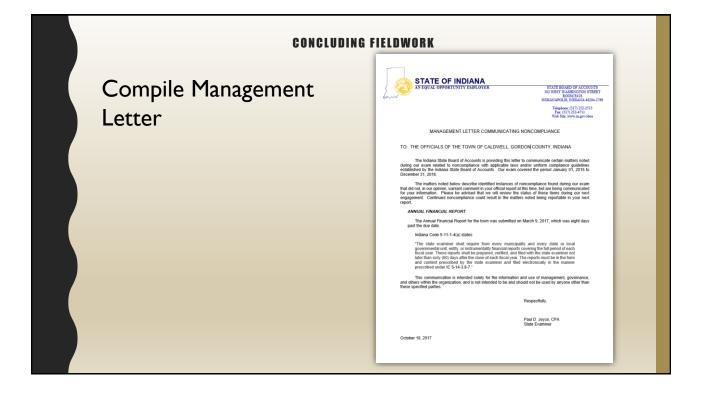
#### **IDENTIFY SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

What Happened After The Audit Period:

- Debt Issued
- Change in Financial Situation
- Lawsuits
- Any Other Situations with Material Impact







#### **AUDIT CONCLUSION AND EXIT CONFERENCE**

- First Review by Audit Manager
- Exit Conference
  - > Who is invited
  - > What is discussed
  - > Options to respond
- Second Review by Audit Coordinator
- Office Review

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