

**Florida Inspectors General** 

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# The Evolving Role of the Auditor:

# **From Traditional to Futuristic**

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### **Presentation Outline**

- Constants of our Profession
- Definition of Internal Auditing (IA)
- Evolution of Internal Auditing
- IA Maturity Model
- Change Influences
- Creating Value Through:
  - Positioning
  - Process
  - People
- The Next Generation

# **Constants of Our Profession**

#### Code of Ethics

- Integrity
- Objectivity
- Confidentiality
- Competency

#### Definition

- Assurance
- Consulting

#### Standards

- Attribute Standards
- Performance Standards

**Regulatory Guidance** 

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# Definition

Internal Auditing is an independent, objective assurance and consulting activity designed to <u>add value and improve an organization's</u> <u>operations</u>. Internal Audit helps an organization accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control, and governance processes.

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# **Services and Role of Internal Audit**

Initial • Ad hoc	<ul> <li>Infrastructure</li> <li>Post Audits</li> <li>Compliance Auditing</li> <li>Silos</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Integrated</li> <li>Performance Auditing</li> <li>Assurance Services</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Managed</li> <li>Assurance on governance, risk management and control</li> <li>Continuous Auditing</li> <li>Technology</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Optimized</li> <li>Internal Audit is recognized as a change agent</li> <li>Assurance and Consulting Services</li> <li>Analyze for Early Warnings</li> </ul>

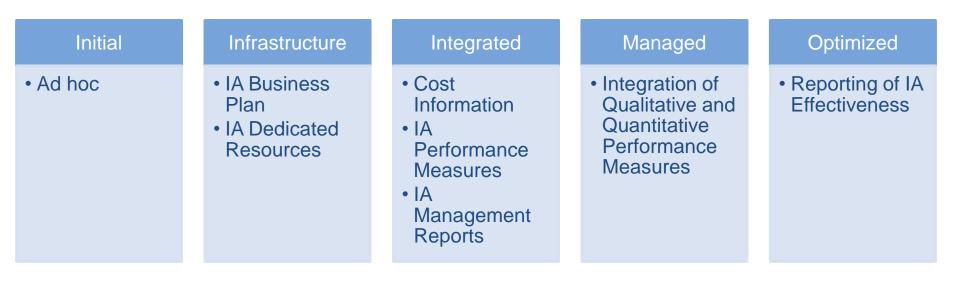
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	Diverse Skill     Sets			

# **Professional Practice**

Initial	Infrastructure	Integrated	Managed	Optimized
• Ad hoc	<ul> <li>Professional Practice and Processes Framework</li> <li>Audit Plan based on Management/ Stakeholder Priorities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Quality Management Framework</li> <li>Risk-based Audit Plans</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Strategic Alignment of Audit with Organization's Management of Risks</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Continuous Improvement in Professiona Practices</li> <li>Anticipatory IA Planning</li> </ul>

# Internal Audit - Maturity Scale Performance Management and Accountability



# **Organizational Relationships and Culture**

Initial	Infrastructure	Integrated	Managed	Optimized
• Ad hoc	<ul> <li>Managing within the IA Activity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Integral Component of Management Team</li> </ul>	CAE Advises and Influences Top-level Management	<ul> <li>Effective and Ongoing Relationships</li> </ul>

#### CAE - Chief Audit Executive

## **Governance Structures**

Initial	Infrastructure	Integrated	Managed	Optimized
• Ad hoc	<ul> <li>Reporting Relationship Established</li> <li>Full Access to the Organization's Information, Assets and People</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Management Oversight of the IA Activity</li> <li>Funding Mechanisms</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Independent Oversight of the IA Activity</li> <li>CAE Reports to Top-level Authority</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Independence, Power and Authority of the IA Activity</li> </ul>

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# Value Creation Through Internal Audit Positioning, Process and People



# **IA Value Proposition**

- Assurance the organization is operating as management intends.
- Insight for improving controls, processes, procedures, performance, and risk management; and for reducing expenses, enhancing revenues, and improving profits.



# Positioning

# **Organizational Placement**

• Report to the Agency Head as specified in Section 20.055, Florida Statutes

# **Physical Location**

 Remote locations can inhibit the development of strong relationships unless carefully managed



# **Positioning - Cont.**

# **Reporting Relationships**

- Independent Oversight of IA Activity
- Effective Ongoing Relationships with Management and Stakeholders
- Power and Authority to Carry out Duties

# Management Access

Maximize Effectiveness and Credibility



# **Positioning – Cont.**

# Communications

- Open Two-way Communication between Leadership to Audit Team
- Be Accessible to People- Open Door Policy
- Be in the Loop Be Seen and Be Heard

## Know the Organization

- Mission and Goals
- Strategic Plans and Initiatives
- Issues
- Risks and Challenges



#### Process

## **Risk Assessment**

- Strategic Alignment of IA with Organization's Management of Risks
- Implement Real Time Continuous Risk
   Assessments
- Add Risk-based Analytics Including Fraud
- Integrate Risk Identification and Mitigation Processes
- Assess the Governance Environment Stay Aware of Your Surroundings



## Process – Cont.

# Look for Opportunities to Add Value

- Refocus Efforts Beyond Compliance
- Take IA Beyond its Current Role to Become a Strategic Advisor
- Anticipatory IA Planning Requires Deep Subject Matter Knowledge
- Become a Recognized Agent for Change



## **Process - Cont.**

# **Performance Measures**

- Track Cost and Production
   Information
- Integrate Qualitative and Quantitative Performance Measures
- Report on the Effectiveness of Internal Audit



## **Process - Cont.**

## **Professional Practices**

- Benchmarking
- Continuous Auditing
- Conduct both Assurance and Consulting Services
- Employ Technology in all Aspects of IA Operations
- Analyze for Early Warning Signs (Analytics)
- Provide "Bonus" Information



# People

# Relationships

- Relationship Management
- Conflict Resolution Skills
- Strong Interpersonal Skills
- Strong Communication Both Oral and Written
- Facilitate Communications
- Socially Adept
- Become and Seek a Mentor



## **Business**

- Strong Business Insight and Acumen
- Understanding the Business Context
- Knowledge of the Issues Facing the Organization
- Provide Management Information in terms
   of Dashboards nor Rearview Mirrors



## Judgment

- Professionalism
- Due Professional Care
- Materiality
- Resource Utilization Watch out for Scope Creep!



## Competency

- Diverse Skill Sets
- Experience
- Fresh Outlook Deep Sense of Curiosity
- Results Oriented
- Certified
- Committed
- Focused



#### **Professional Development**

- Become Engaged in your Work and Profession
- Enhance your Skills through Education and Certification
- Become More IT Savvy
- Do Your Research
- Broaden Your Experience Base



#### Attributes

- Develop a Sense of Urgency Focused on Management Priorities
- Be a Team Player Help Others Be Successful
- Recognize and Share Innovative Ideas and Practices
- Collaborate with Others
- Develop a Network Before You Need It!
- Step Outside of Your Comfort Zone
- Volunteer Identify a Need and Step Up!



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## **The Next Generation**



# **The Next Generation**

- Risk-centric
- Technology
- Continuous Auditing
- Timely, Concise Reporting
- Assessing Operations
- Fraud Risk Assessments
- Accountability and Transparency
- Others?



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