

How do you continue to keep out of harm's way? Employ an independent performance auditor!



Association of Local Government Auditors

Who We Are

Improving the Quality of Local Government Auditing

Independent performance auditors:

- Possess knowledge about organizational business activities, which is critical in providing high-quality audit services.
- Provide an immediate resource to assist in crisis situations.
- Help prevent and handle fraud-related issues.

The Association of Local Government Auditors was formed in 1989 and has enjoyed a growing membership. More than 1,800 members from over 300 organizations, primarily in the United States and Canada, represent a diverse range of audit organizations in local government.

ALGA represents member organizations ranging in size from one-person shops to those with hundreds of employees.

We encourage associate memberships for auditors working in state and federal organizations, as well as private auditing firms.

Why Your Organization Should Continue to Support Independent Performance Auditing

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Taxpayers Deserve Accountability

Why Should Your Organization Maintain Its Independent Performance Auditor?

- Enhance accountability to taxpayers and bondholders.
- Build credibility with citizens.
- Help ensure that public funds are spent only in the public interest.
- Help to earn and increase taxpayer confidence and respect for government.
- Provide an independent and objective perspective so that your decisions to expend public funds involve balanced and extensive information.
- Report audited results and outcomes of programs and services.
- Identify and discourage fraud through special reviews and presence in the organization.
- Verify compliance with policies, procedures, laws and regulations.
- Identify risk.
- Proactively prevent problems by evaluating controls through regular reviews of organizational activities.
- Review and appraise reliability of financial and operating information.



“An in-house audit department is the **RIGHT** decision to make, especially in the long run.”

Eliminating the audit function may not actually reduce costs. In many cases, audit work leads to new revenue, cost recovery, and economic impact well beyond the audit department’s annual budget.

If structured and staffed appropriately, an independent performance audit department can be extremely effective and productive.

The Benefits of Employing Independent Performance Auditors vs. External Consultants

Independent performance auditors are:

- More economical (in-house auditors cost less per hour).
- Familiar with internal operations (no organizational learning curve).
- Quicker to respond to requests.
- Available to provide continuity of review and oversight.
- Available to follow up on recommendations and implementations.
- Committed to long-term improvements within the organization.

To find out more about how to enhance and support an effective performance audit function, contact us:

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