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Uniform Guidance –
The what, the how, and where
internal controls
fit in

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Discussion Session
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Objectives

- Discuss, broadly, the impact of the new requirements on internal controls
- Provide examples of internal control considerations for select areas of change due to Uniform Guidance (UG)
Impact on internal controls
We got what we wanted…
UG – Definitions
Internal controls
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Internal controls over compliance requirements for Federal Awards
UG – Subpart D-Post Award
Internal controls
COSO Framework & Green Book

Where are we headed?

COSO Internal Control-Integrated Framework, internal control is broadly defined as a process, effected by an entity’s board of directors, management, and other personnel, designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of objectives relating to operations, reporting, and compliance.

- **Control Environment** -- sets the tone for the organization, influencing the control consciousness of its people. It is the foundation for all other components of internal control.
- **Risk Assessment** -- the identification and analysis of relevant risks to the achievement of objectives, forming a basis for how the risks should be managed.
- **Information and Communication** -- systems or processes that support the identification, capture, and exchange of information in a form and time frame that enable people to carry out their responsibilities.
- **Control Activities** -- the policies and procedures that help ensure management directives are carried out.
- **Monitoring** -- processes used to assess the quality of internal control performance over time.

The COSO definition relates to the aggregate control system of the organization, which is composed of many individual control procedures.
Resources

COSO Executive Summary
http://www.coso.org/documents/990025P_Executive_Summary_final_may20_e.pdf

GAO Green Book Overview
http://www.gao.gov/greenbook/overview
Areas of significant change

- Internal controls (just talked about!)
- Procurement
- Performance reporting
- Subrecipient monitoring
- Effort reporting
Procurement
Performance reporting
Subrecipient monitoring
Effort reporting
Why does this matter?

- Resources
- Institutional change
- Policies and procedures
- Gaps and exposure
- Management and board approval
- Communication and training
- Audit criteria
- Internal controls
- Documentation
Internal audit’s role

- This year: Supportive and consultative
- Next year: Reviewing and Assessing
Questions and comments?