

Audit Committee News

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Highlights

- FISMA Framework
- Updating OMB No. Bulletin 01-02
- 2006 Government Auditing Standards
- 2006 Assessment Data Request

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Status of FISMA Framework

The FAEC IT Committee is drafting a Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) framework to assist OIGs in evaluating agencies' IT security plans. The document, which is a product of a number of different OIGs' efforts, will provide guidance to OIGs as they perform FISMA reviews. The FAEC IT Committee plans to share the draft with the FAEC in January.

Updating OMB No. Bulletin 01-02

On December 14, 2005, the FAEC Audit Committee and FAEC Financial Statement Committee met with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to identify potential revisions to OMB Bulletin No. 01-02, *Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements*. The group separated the potential revisions into short-term and long-term projects and, to ensure that the audit bulletin is available before the FY 2006 audit cycle begins, will only address the short-term projects in the next bulletin. The long-term projects will be considered in future revisions.

The topics that will be addressed include: internal control, management and legal representation letters, SAS 70 reports, agreed-upon procedures, restatements, and other miscellaneous issues. The working group expects to issue a draft for comment on February 28, 2006.

2006 Edition of *Government Auditing Standards*

The General Accounting Office plans to issue the 2006 edition of the *Government Auditing Standards* in October 2006. The Advisory Council addresses and clarifies issues on nonaudit services, audit quality, reporting on internal control deficiencies, financial statement restatements, data reliability, and use of GAGAS with other auditing standards. The exposure draft for public comment will be available on April 28, 2006. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Geier at (202) 245-7020 or kim.geier@ed.gov.

2006 Assessment Data Requested

Reminder! If you have not done so already, please submit your training needs for the IGATI Introductory Auditor course to Kathie Davis at Kathleen.Davis@tigta.treas.gov, or (703) 248-7848, as soon as possible. We need this information to ensure that we are adequately prepared to meet the training needs of the IG community.

Next Audit Committee Meeting: January 17, 2006