

Catalyst for Environmental Improvement

The Federal Audit Executive Council



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OBJECTIVE

How the Forensic Audit Product Line Uses Information to Assist in Audit Planning



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- What is Forensic Auditing?
- Application of Auditing Skills in Situations with Legal Consequences

- Analyze Large Volumes of Data

 First Line of Defense Against Fraud Waste and Abuse in Agency Programs



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- Creation of Forensic Audit Groups
 - GAO
 - GSA-OIG
 - DHS-OIG
 - NASA
 - Naval Audit Service



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- Created New Product Line in May 2008
- Initially 18 Auditors
- Maximum Staffing of 31 Auditors (12 temporary ARRA Hires)
- Consolidated Contract and Grant Activities that were Performed Within Several Product Lines



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- Initial Function
 - Proactive Versus Reactive
 - Identify Vulnerable Grants and Contracts
 - Find Fraud Waste and Abuse
 - Evaluate Hotline Complaints
 - Make Referrals to the Office of Investigations



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- Function Has Evolved
- Financial Audits of Grants and Contracts
 - Non-compliance
 - Internal Control Weaknesses
 - Costs Questioned
 - Recipient Met Objectives of Funding



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- Characteristics of Work
 - Financial Matters
 - Short Duration
 - Specific Areas of Emphasis
 - Minimal Internal Control Work
 - Do not Comply with all GAS



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How Do We Find Vulnerable Grants and Contracts?



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- Grants
 - Search Grants Database
 - Payment Information
 - Single Audits
 - Internet Searches
 - Key Words
 - Lexis Nexis Accurint
 - www.opensecrets.org



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- Grants (cont'd)
 - Visual Inspection
 - Project Costs
 - Project Revenues and Credits
 - Matching Funds
 - Procurement



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- Contracts
 - Identify Contract Types and Related Contractors
 - Small Business
 - Financial Monitoring Review
 - Review EPA and DCAA audit reports
 - Central Contractor Registration



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 - Contract Review
 - Prepare Risk Assessment Checklist



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American **Reinvestment and Recovery Act Activities**



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- State Revolving Fund
 - Drinking Water and Wastewater Facilities
 - \$6 Billion
- Other Programs
 - Superfund (\$600 million)
 - Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (\$300 million)
 - Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (\$200 million)
 - Brownsfield (\$100 million)



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State Revolving Fund Sub-Recipient Construction Reviews



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- Get Out Early
- Unannounced Site Visits
 - Floor Check
 - Compliance Review
- Build Upon Experience in Other Areas
 - Construction Grant Program
 - Contract Audits
 - Superfund Removal Site Visits



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- ARRA Compliance Issues
 - Buy American



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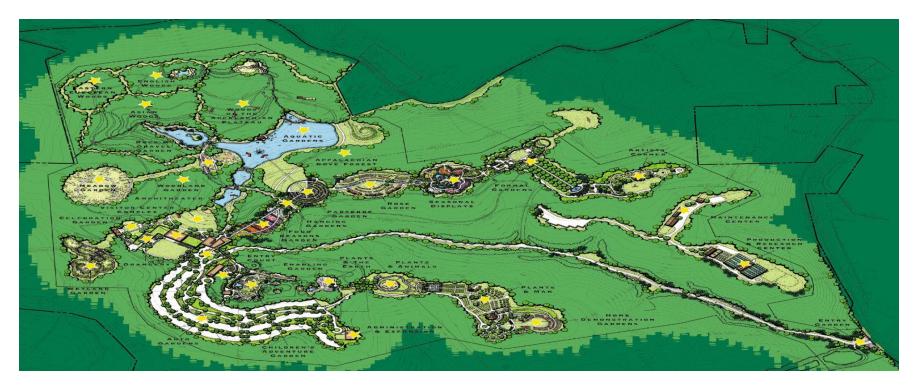


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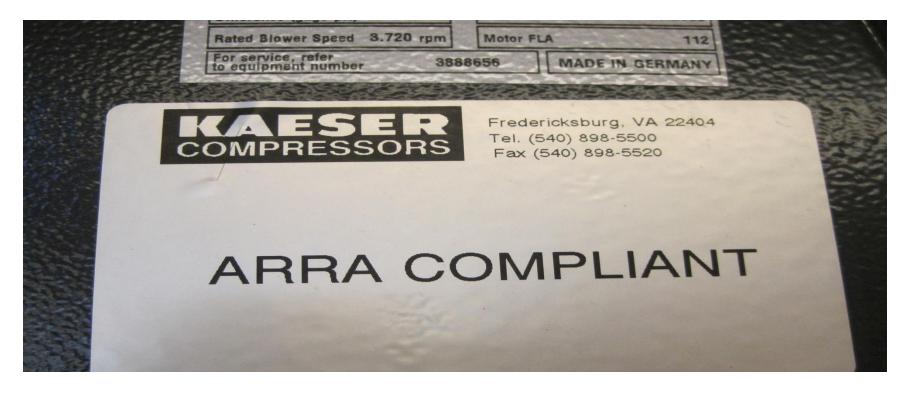


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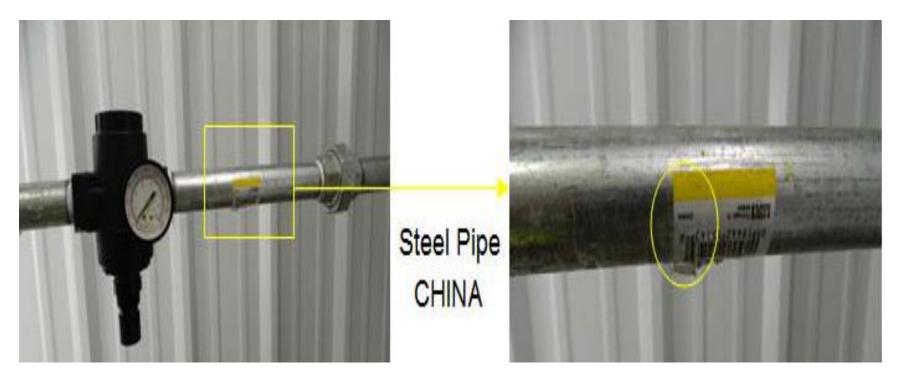


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 - Davis Bacon Wages Rates
 - Recordkeeping Requirements
- Procurement



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 - Potential Bid Rigging
 - Lack of Criteria



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- Other ARRA Work
 - Hotlines
 - Referrals
 - OIG
 - Regions
 - Others



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- 60 Investigative Referrals
- 13 Non ARRA
- 47 ARRA



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- Examples of OI Referrals
 - Multiple Claims
 - Matching Costs
 - Non Profit Pass Throughs
 - False Certifications
 - False Claims



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