APO MISSION: Formulate audit policy and provide oversight to audit and internal review organizations to ensure DoD and Congress have quality products for use in DoD decision making, and oversee contracting officials' use of contract audit reports.

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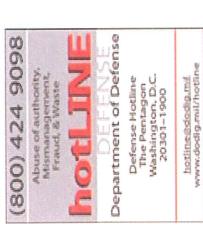
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Best Practices for Audit Committees

Audit Committees work best when the organization and the committee have...

- Commitment to the Same Goals
- A Partnership Relationship
- Senior Management
- Participation Interest
- Support
- Communication throughout all audit

COMMITTEE SUCCESSFUL WHAT MAKES AN AUDIT

and members whether internal or external expertise. skills, and experience including financial with the necessary functional area expertise, THE RIGHT MIX. An effective chairperson

and balances between the organization, organizational accountability issues with a auditors, and stakeholders. third party perspective that offers checks trust by providing focused attention on FOCUSED ATTENTION. Fosters public

follow-up on actions to improve financial mission accomplishment through effective services that assist the organization in reporting and business operations. VALUE-ADDED SERVICES. Provides

BENEFITS OF AUDIT COMMITTEES

AUDIT COMMITTEES SHOULD

Have a charter

Annually reassess their charter

Annually assess their performance

Include financial expertise

- Independent
- Objective
- **Enhanced Communication**
- Audit Problem Resolution Vehicle
- Confidence and Credibility Builder
- and Transparency Provider of Public Accountability
- Audit Issue Visibility
- Real Time Problem Solving
- **Prevents Management Complacency**
- **Provides Audit Finding Credibility**
- Independent Third-Party Evaluation of External Audit Results

AN AUDIT COMMITTEE CAN PROVIDE

- Oversight
- Advice
- Liaison
- Monitoring of management responsiveness
- Organization assistance with improved strategy
- Focus on audit readiness
- Suggestions for improved processes
- Emphasis on fiscal responsibility

Serve as an intermediary Keep current on changes in financial Have right composition of expertise reporting requirements

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

- SHOULD
- Have a sound financial background
- lead Be strong, independent, and able to
- communication Possess exceptional critical thinking Be able to foster open
- Be tactful and diplomatic

A GOOD COMMITTEE MEMBER

- Understands the business
- reporting requirements **Understands Federal financial**
- Uses expertise to problem solve
- Focuses on mission and goals
- Has personal credibility
- Has good leadership skills
- judgment in a relevant field or Exercises sound independent discipline