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Grants Management & Audit Compliance in Single Audits

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Agenda

How Do Auditors
Determine What
to Test in a Single
Audit?

Focus Areas For Audit



How Do Auditors Determine What to Test in a Single Audit?



"The Single Audit Act of 1984" (Public Law 98-502)

Established requirements for certain gov's that administer Fed. programs

Amended in 1996 (31 USC 75)



Issued in 1985 to help auditors and recipients implement the new Single Audit Act

Extended to additional entity types in 1990 under <u>A-133</u> (modified in 2003 & 2007)

Uniform Guidance (UG)

Issued 2013; Updated in 2014 & 2015

Supersedes: A-87, A-102, A-133 (A-122, A-21, A-110, A-89 & A-50)

OMB Compliance Supplement

Issued by OMB each year to assist auditors in performing the required audits

Contains sections required to be audited & suggested audit tests

UG Effective Dates

Federal Agencies

Implement policies and procedures by adopting regulations to be effective 12/26/14

Non-Federal
Entities (Admin.
Req's & Cost
Princ's)

Implement for all new Federal awards made on or after 12/26/14, and for certain incremental funding made after that date Non-Federal
Entities (Audit
Req's)

Effective for audits of fiscal years <u>beginning</u> on or after 12/26/14

Ie. FYE 12/31/15

Early implementation is not permitted



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Grants Reform

Uniform Guidance (UG)

Super-Circular

Omni-Circular What is UG?

2 CFR Chapter II, Part 200

of State

Uniform
Grants
Guidance
(UGG)

Uniform
Administrative
Requirements, Cost
Principles, and Audit
Requirements for
Federal Awards

Internal Controls

2 CFR 200.303 (UG)

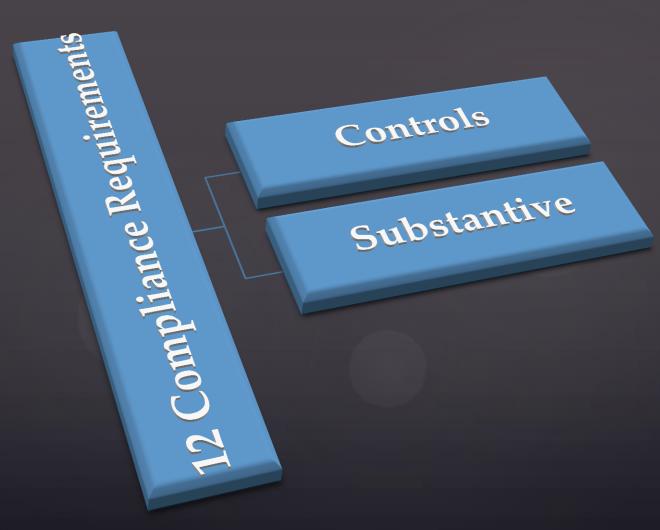
A strong system of internal controls is required to be in place over federal grants

COSO and GAO's
Green Book are
suggested best
practices



Focus Areas For Audit







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12 Compliance Requirements

A
Activities Allowed
or Unallowed

B
Allowable Costs /
Cost Principles

C Cash Management

E Eligibility Equipment & Real Property Mgmt.

Matching, Level of Effort, Earmarking



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Auditors Only Test Sections <u>Direct & Material</u> to the <u>Program & Entity</u>

CFDA	Types of Compliance Requirements														
	A. Activities Allowed or Unallowed	B. Allowable ContrCost Principles	C. Cash Management	D. Reserved	E. Eligibility	F. Equipment and Real Property Management	G. Matching, Level of Effort, Earmarking	H. Period of Performance	I. Procurement and Suspension and Debarment	J. Program Income	K. Reserved	L. Reporting	M. Subrecipient Monitoring	N. Special Tests and Provisions	
10 - Unit	10 - United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)														
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Section A Activities Allowed or Unallowed

What Does
It Mean

 Was the grant spent only on items allowable per the grant agreement, regulations, guidelines?

Policy on determination of allowable costs now required under UG



Section A Activities Allowed or Unallowed

Controls

- Look for key control(s) and test
- Ex. If a dept. requested a check for a cost unallowable under the grant agreement, reg's or guidelines, what control would ensure the pmt. was denied

Substantive

• Select transactions and determine if allowable



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Section B Allowable Costs / Cost Principles

What Does
It Mean

 Was the grant spent only on items allowable per the Cost Principles (2 CFR 200 Subpart E)?

Policy on determination of allowable costs now required under UG



Section B Allowable Costs / Cost Principles

Controls

- Look for key control(s) and test
- Ex. If a dept. requested a check for a cost unallowable under the Cost Principles, what control would ensure the pmt. was denied

Substantive

- Select transactions and determine if allowable under the Cost Principles
- Also incudes testing of Indirect Cost Plans and Cost Allocation Plans



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Section C Cash Management



- When advance-funded Procedures in place to minimize the time elapsed between the draw-down of the federal funds, and the subsequent disbursement of those funds.
- When reimbursement basis Procedures in place to ensure reimb's are requested only for allowable exp's already incurred.

Cash Mgmt. policy now required under UG



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Section C Cash Management

- Look for key control(s) and test
- Ex. Advanced Funded what procedure assures funds are spent in time
- Ex. Reimbursement Basis what procedure assures funds are spent before reimbursement is requested

Controls

Select cash draws and determine if complied

Test interest earned on advanced funds for compliance

Substantive

UG - \$500 of interest earned per year on federal awards may now be kept for

admin. exp's.

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Section E Eligibility



- Did only eligible individuals receive benefits?
- Each federal program has unique criteria for determining the individuals, groups of individuals, or subrecipients that can participate in the program, and the amount of assistance for which they qualify.

Section E Eligibility

Controls

- Look for key control(s) and test
- Ex. If an <u>in</u>eligible individual requested benefits, what would ensure they did not receive such benefits?

Substantive

- Select individuals receiving benefits and determine if they should have.
- If eligibility guidelines are built into a computer system and determinations are made by the system, auditors perform tests over system.



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Section F Equipment & Real Property Mgmt.

What Does
It Mean

 Recipients of federal funds must comply with certain requirements regarding the use, maintenance, and disposal of equipment & real property (e.g. buildings & land) purchased with federal money.



Section F Equipment & Real Property Mgmt.



- Look for key control(s) and test
- Ex. If equipment or land is purchased with federal dollars, how would the appropriate personnel be made aware and then 'follow the rules' for use/maintenance/disposal (sold or transferred to another department)?



- Select equipment / land transactions purchased with the grant funds and inspect (verify it exists).
- Verify required physical inventory was performed every 2 years
- Test if federal assets were properly disposed of and proceeds remitted to Federal agency (if applicable)



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Section G Matching, Level of Effort, Earmarking

What Does
It Mean

• Matching – Includes requirements to provide (cash or in-kind) contributions (usually nonfederal) of a specified \$ amt. or % to match federal awards.



Section G Matching, Level of Effort, Earmarking



- Level of Effort Includes requirements for:
 - A specified level of service to be provided from period to period
 - A specified level of exp's from nonfederal or federal sources for specified activities to be maintained from period to period
 - Federal funds to supplement (use in addition to) and not supplant (use in stead of) nonfederal funding of services

Section G Matching, Level of Effort, Earmarking



• Earmarking – Includes requirements that specify the min. and/or max. \$ amt. or % of the programs funding that must/may be used for specified activities, including funds provided to subrecipients



Section G Matching

Controls

- Look for key control(s) and test
- Ex. If matching applies, how does the entity ensure it is met?

Substantive

 Test matching calculation and sources of matching contribution.



Section G Level of Effort

Controls

- Look for key control(s) and test
- Ex. If LOE applies, how does the entity ensure it is met? If there was a required service or expenditure level, how does the entity ensure it was maintained?

Substantive

- Maintenance of Effort Test computation and obtain support
- Supplement Not Supplant Test if total level of services applicable to the requirement increased in proportion to the level of Federal contribution



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Section G Earmarking

Controls

- Look for key control(s) and test
- Generally are very similar to those for matching
 & LOE

Substantive

• Select transactions and test the \$ amount or %



Section H Period of Performance



- Federal awards may specify a time period during which the funds may be used
- Where a funding period is specified, costs may only be charged to the award resulting from obligations incurred during the funding period and any pre-award costs authorized by the Federal Awarding Agency.

Section H Period of Performance

Controls

- Look for key control(s) and test
- Ex. What prevents federal funds from being obligated after the period of performance ends; or paying obligated funds after the required time period?

Substantive

- Test transactions charged to the grant during & after the Period of Performance to ensure the obligation occurred within the Period of Performance
 - Also test that the payment was made within the allowed time period



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Section I Procurement, Suspension & Debarment



- **Procurement** Entities must establish procurement procedures covering the solicitation and award of contracts & subcontracts for goods & services.
- Suspension & Debarment Entities must establish procedures to ensure goods and services are not purchased from suspended or debarred parties.

Policy on evaluation & selection of procurement by competitive proposal now

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Section I Procurement

Controls

- Look for key control(s) and test
- Ex. What prevents procurement transactions from bid-splitting, or being otherwise procured without competitive bidding, etc?

Substantive

- Test procurement policy
- Select procurements & test against policy

New UG procurement requirements – 2 year grace period to implement.

Micropurchases new level.

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Section I Suspension & Debarment

Controls

- Look for key control(s) and test
- Ex. What prevents covered transactions from being made with entities that are suspended or debarred?

Substantive

• Test procurements to determine whether the entities policy was followed regarding suspended/debarred parties, before entering into the covered transaction.



Section J Program Income



- Gross income earned that is directly generated by a supported activity or earned as a result of the grant during the period of performance
- Examples include: income from fees for services performed, the use or rental of real or personal property acquired under a federal award, principal & interest on loans made with Federal awards
- The following are NOT program income: rebates, credits, discounts, or interest earned on advances of federal funds.

Section J Program Income

Controls

- Look for key control(s) and test
- Ex. What assures program income is complete, and spent for allowable purposes?

Substantive

• Test if program income was properly recorded and used in accordance with guidelines.



Section L Reporting

What Does
It Mean

 Various financial, performance & special reports are required by federal awards



Section L Reporting

Controls

- Look for key control(s) and test
- Ex. What ensures all required reports for federal awards were accurate, complete, supported by applicable records, and were submitted timely?

Substantive

• Test calculations on selected reports & tie back to underlying records.



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Section M Subrecipient Monitoring

What Does
It Mean

• Grants that are passed through to subrecipients are properly monitored.



Section M Subrecipient Monitoring

Controls

- Look for key control(s) and test
- Ex. What ensures the pass-through entity properly monitors their subrecipients?

Substantive

- Test if required info was contained in pass-through subaward documents
- Was monitoring sufficient, considering entities risk
- Were single audits performed on subrecipients, if required
- Was corrective action timely taken on deficiencies noted in audit

UG adds more prominence to subrecipient monitoring requirements and expands upon them.

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Section N Special Tests & Provisions

What Does
It Mean

- Requirements that are unique to a Federal program
- Are considered additional direct & material requirements that need tested
- Can have multiple Section N's



Section N Special Tests & Provisions

Controls

• Look for key control(s) and test

Substantive

 Test applicable steps as listed in the OMB Compliance Supplement



Section N Special Tests & Provisions - Examples

Nutrition Cluster

- Verification of Free & Reduced Price Applications
- School Food Accounts
- Paid Lunch Equity

CDBG

- Citizen Participation
- Required Certifications and HUD approvals
- Environmental Reviews
- Rehabilitations
- Wage Rate Requirements



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Section N Special Tests & Provisions - Examples

Highway Plan. & Constr.

Title I

- Replacement of Publically Owned Real Property
- Project Extensions
- Quality Assurance Program
- Project Approvals
- Wage Rate Requirements
- Participation of Private School Children
- Schoolwide Programs
- Comparability
- Highly Qualified Teachers & Paraprofessionals
- Annual Report Card, High School Graduation Rate
- Assessment System Security



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