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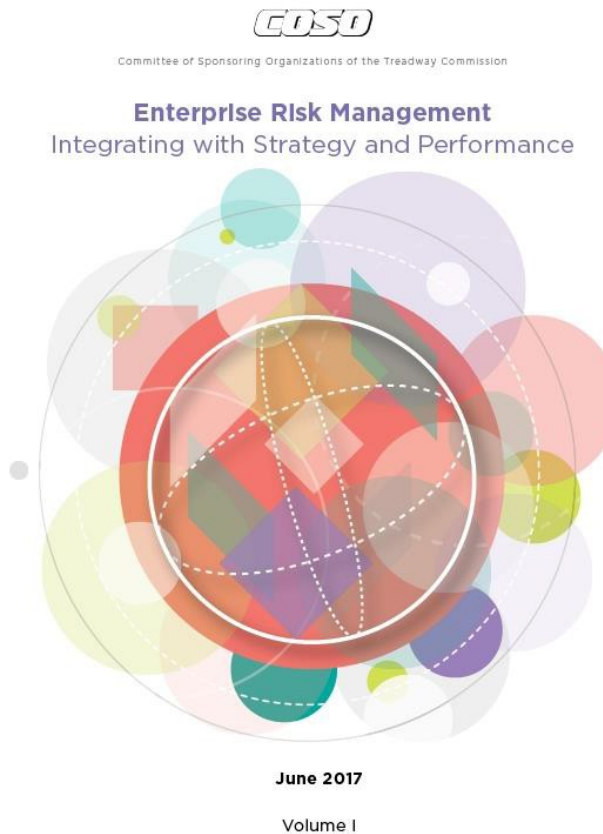
# **Enterprise Risk Management**

## ***Integrating with Strategy and Performance***

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# COSO's Enterprise Risk Management Framework

**Refreshed in 2017**  
**Original Release in**  
**2004**



# COSO's Mission and Guiding Principle

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## Mission

- COSO's Mission is "To provide thought leadership through the development of comprehensive frameworks and guidance on enterprise risk management, internal control and fraud deterrence designed to improve organizational performance and governance and to reduce the extent of fraud in organizations."

## Fundamental Principle

- EFFECTIVE risk management and internal control are necessary for long term success of all organizations



# About COSO...



> 600,000  
professionals

Originally formed in 1985, COSO is a joint initiative of five private sector organizations and is dedicated to providing thought leadership through the development of frameworks and guidance on enterprise risk management (ERM) internal control and fraud deterrence

# COSO Project to Update the Enterprise Risk Management Framework

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- The COSO Board released in September 2017 an update to the 2004 Enterprise Risk Management–Integrated Framework
- That framework is widely used by management to enhance an organization’s ability to manage uncertainty and to consider how much risk to accept as it strives to increase value
- This initiative enhanced the framework’s content and relevance in an increasingly complex business environment so that organizations can attain better value from enterprise risk management

# Key Reasons to Update the Framework

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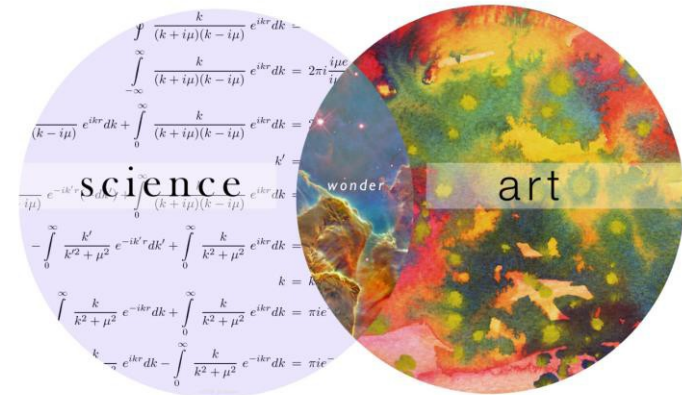
- Concepts and practices have evolved
- Lessons learned
- Bar raised with respect to enterprise risk management
- Business and operating environments more complex, technologically driven, and global in scale
- Stakeholders more engaged, seeking greater transparency and accountability
- Risk discussions increasingly prominent at the board level



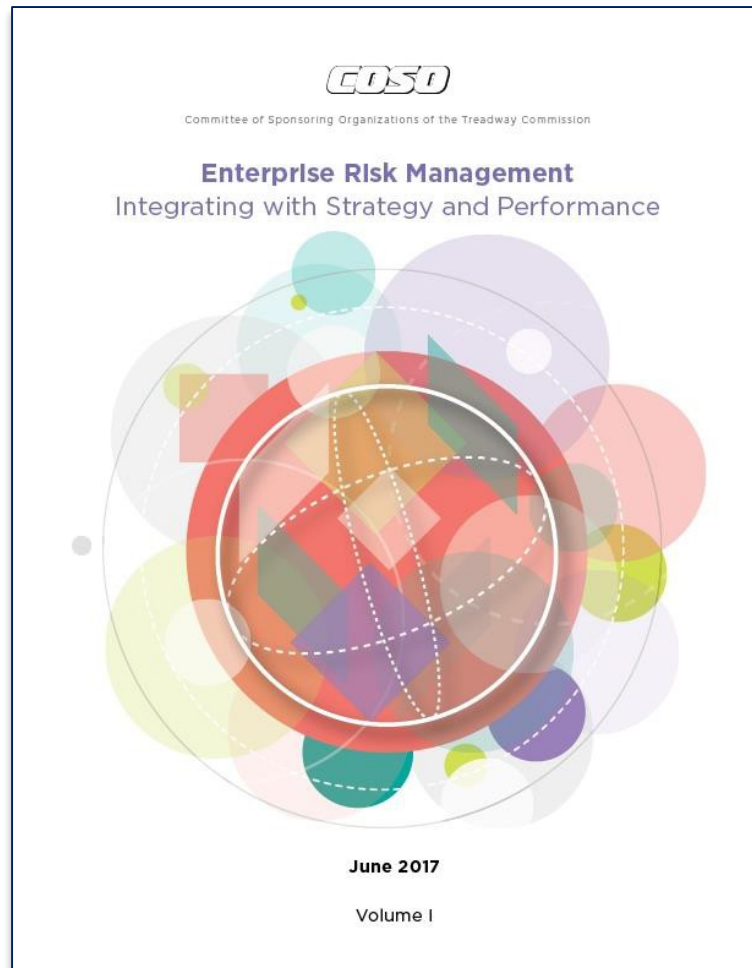
# A Key Introduction...

Our understanding of the nature of risk, the art and science of choice lies at the core of our modern market economy

Every choice we make in the pursuit of objectives has its risks. From day-to-day operational decisions to the fundamental trade-offs in the boardroom, dealing with uncertainty in these choices is a part of our organizational lives.



# A New Title...



- Retitled as *Enterprise Risk Management—Integrating with Strategy and Performance*
- Recognizes the importance of strategy and entity performance
- Further delineates enterprise risk management from internal control



# 10 Key Things to Know about the ERM Framework

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# 10 Key Things to Know about the ERM Framework

## 1) Provides a New Document Structure

- Framework focused on fewer components (five)



- Uses focused call-out examples to emphasize key points (> 30)
- Follows the business model versus an isolated risk management process

# 10 Key Things to Know about the ERM Framework

## 2) Introduces Principles

20 key principles within each of the five components



### Governance & Culture

1. Exercises Board Risk Oversight
2. Establishes Operating Structures
3. Defines Desired Culture
4. Demonstrates Commitment to Core Values
5. Attracts, Develops, and Retains Capable Individuals



### Strategy & Objective-Setting

6. Analyzes Business Context
7. Defines Risk Appetite
8. Evaluates Alternative Strategies
9. Formulates Business Objectives



### Performance

10. Identifies Risk
11. Assesses Severity of Risk
12. Prioritizes Risks
13. Implements Risk Responses
14. Develops Portfolio View



### Review & Revision

15. Assesses Substantial Change
16. Reviews Risk and Performance
17. Pursues improvement in Enterprise Risk Management



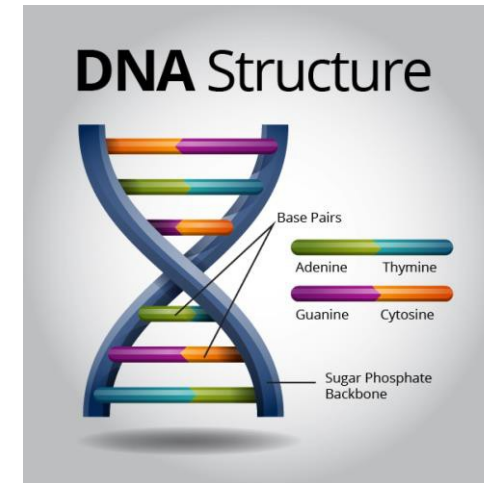
### Information, Communication, & Reporting

18. Leverages Information and Technology
19. Communicates Risk Information
20. Reports on Risk, Culture, and Performance

# 10 Key Things to Know about the ERM Framework

## 3) Incorporates New Graphics/Concepts

Graphic has stronger ties to the business model



# 10 Key Things to Know about the ERM Framework

## 4) Focuses on Integration

Integrating ERM with business practices results in better information that support improved decision-making and leads to enhanced performance

It helps organizations to:

- Anticipate risks earlier or more explicitly, opening up more options for managing the risks
- Identify and pursue existing and new opportunities
- Respond to deviations in performance more quickly and consistently
- Develop and report a more comprehensive and consistent portfolio view of risk
- Improve collaboration, trust, and information sharing



# 10 Key Things to Know about the ERM Framework

## 5) Emphasizes Value

- Enhances the focus on value – how entities **create, preserve, and realize value**
- Embeds value throughout the framework, as evidenced by its:
  - Prominence in the core definition of enterprise risk management
  - Extensive discussion in principles
  - Linkage to risk appetite
  - Focus on the ability to manage risk to acceptable levels



# 10 Key Things to Know about the ERM Framework

## 6) Links to Strategy

- Explores strategy from three different perspectives:
  - The possibility of strategy and business objectives not aligning with mission, vision and values
  - The implications from the strategy chosen
  - Risk to executing the strategy



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## 7) Links to Performance

- Enables the achievement of strategy by actively managing risk and performance
- Focuses on how risk is integral to performance by:
  - Exploring how enterprise risk management practices support the identification and assessment of risks that impact performance
  - Discussing tolerance for variations in performance
- Manages risk in the context of achieving strategy and business objectives – not as individual risks



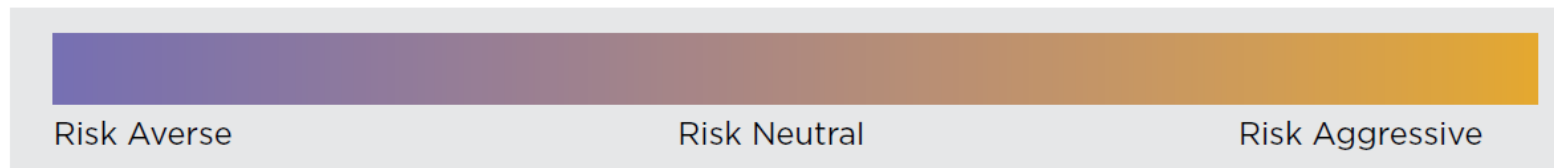


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## 8) Recognizes Importance of Culture

- Addresses the growing focus, attention and Importance of culture within enterprise risk management
- Influences all aspects of enterprise risk management
- Explores culture within the broader context of overall core values
- Depicts culture behavior within a risk spectrum



- Explores the possible effects of culture on decision making
- Explores the alignment of culture between individual and entity behavior

# 10 Key Things to Know about the ERM Framework

## 9) Focuses on Decision-Making

- Explores how enterprise risk management drives risk aware decision making
- Highlights how risk awareness optimizes and aligns decisions impacting performance
- Explores how risk aware decisions affect the risk profile



# 10 Key Things to Know about the ERM Framework

## 9) Decision-Making Uncertainty/Certainty

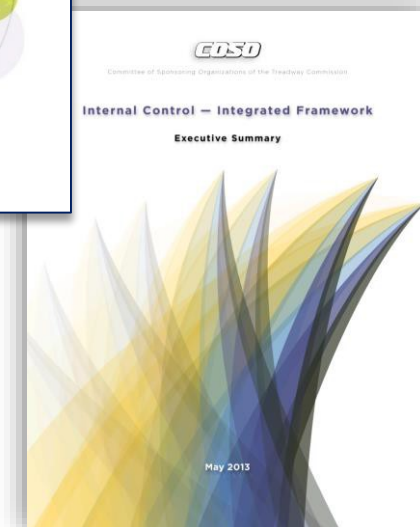
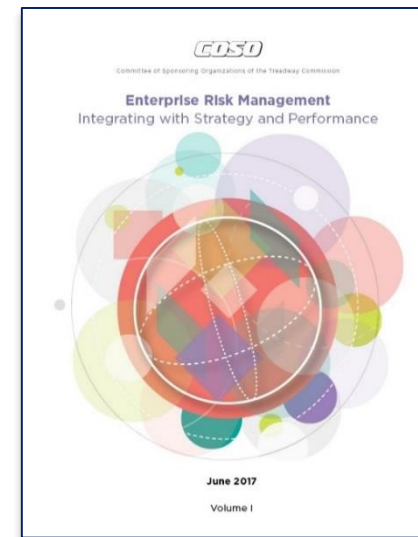
- Selecting SAP or Oracle
- Setting the quarterly revenue plan for \$20 million
- Hiring a new VP of \_\_\_\_\_
- Not developing a new product
- Making a new investment
- Opening a new office
- Closing an office



# 10 Key Things to Know about the ERM Framework

## 10) Builds Links to Internal Control

- The document does not replace the *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (more later)*
- The two frameworks are distinct and complementary
- Both use a components and principles structure
- Aspects of internal control common to enterprise risk management are not repeated
- Some aspects of internal control are developed further in this framework



# Culture, ERM, Controls, or ALL?

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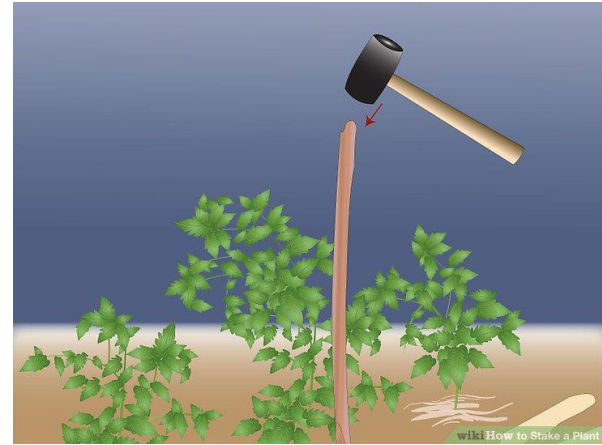
# Putting A Stake in the Ground...

**Risk**

The possibility that events will occur and affect the achievement of strategy and business objectives (or will not occur)

**Enterprise Risk Management**

The culture, capabilities, and practices, integrated with strategy and execution, that organizations rely on to manage risk in creating, preserving, and realizing value



# You May Already be “Doing ERM”...

- Strong, Articulated Mission, Clear Vision and Values
- Commitment to the concept of ERM activities and integration
- Strategy as the best alternative, Risk vs. Reward, linked to objectives
- Understand uncertainty of our world and decisions we make
- Big focus on Change, so what, what do we do
- Focus and measurement on Objectives
- Going through the “WHAT IF” process
- Knowing what you won’t do and why
- Evaluating if ERM is adding value



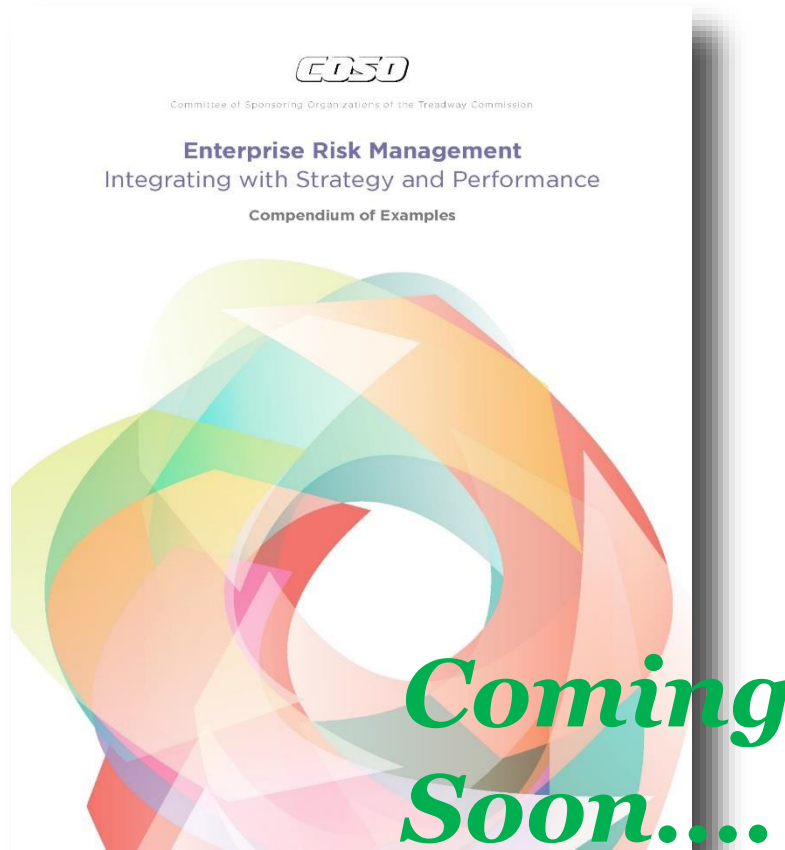
# ERM Myth Busting and Motivations

- It's not a function or software application
- It's not a long list, too long to try and conquer
- CRO's don't own risks, they facilitate ERM activities
- Everyone is a risk manager, kind of
- Its' not an "add-on"- put it in a blender, build it in
- Risk isn't all bad – it can be great!
- COSO can't make you do anything
- Make better decisions
- #\*&% still happens
- It's gotta make you better!



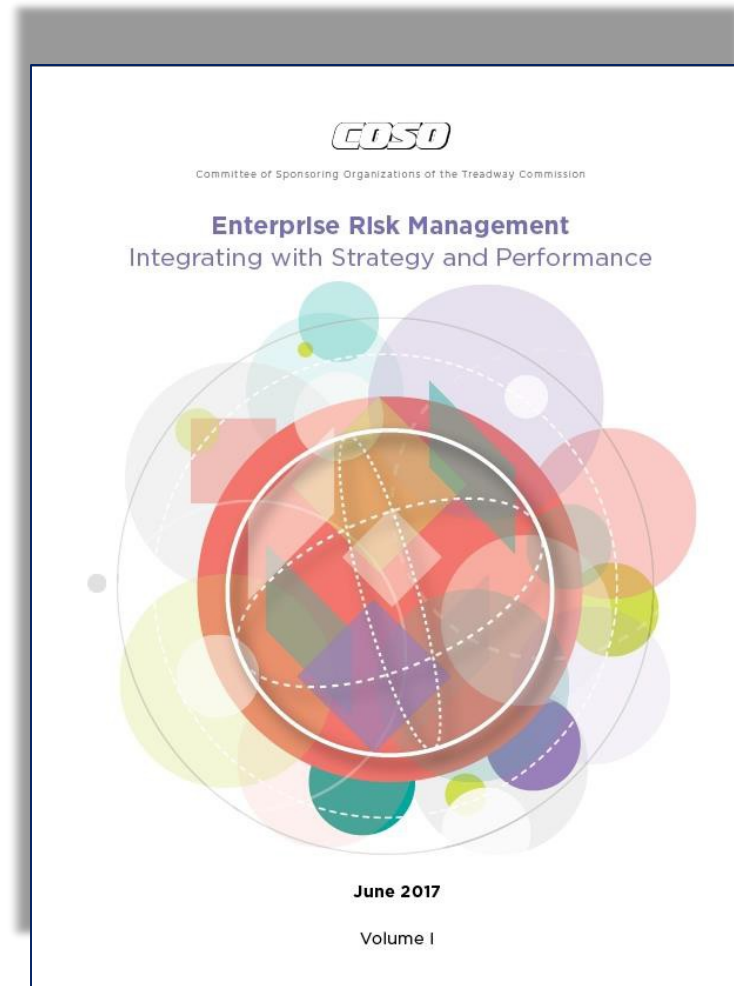


# Compendium of Examples



- A compendium of examples is also being developed, illustrating:
  - All principles
  - A variety of entity sizes from global through to national, regional, and local entities
  - A variety of industry types
  - Actual company practices and be augmented with expected practices in select areas, as needed
- Written from the perspective of the business

# Let's Transition to the Internal Control Integrated Framework

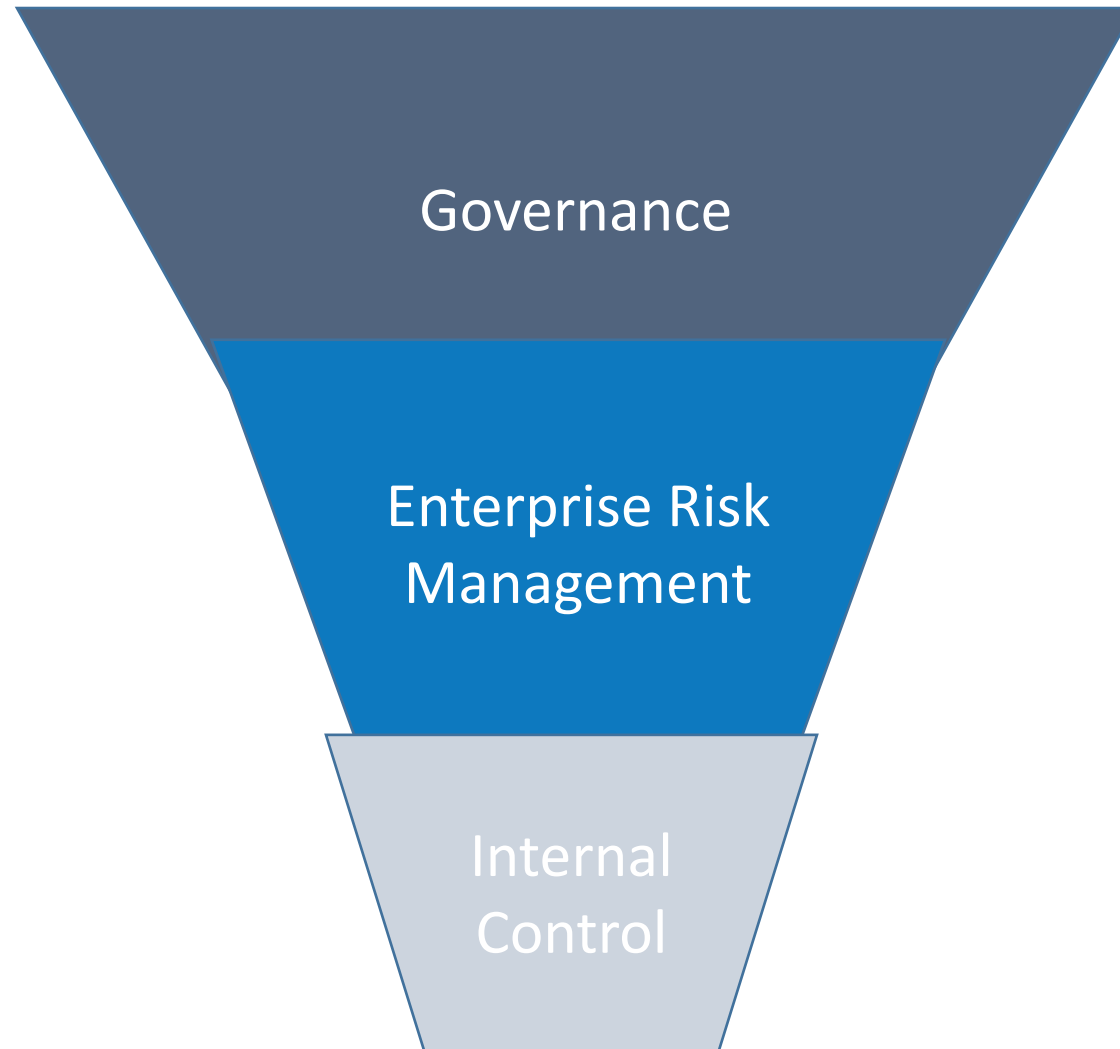


# Key Considerations

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**How does the ERM Framework Link to the Internal Control Integrated Framework (ICIF)?**

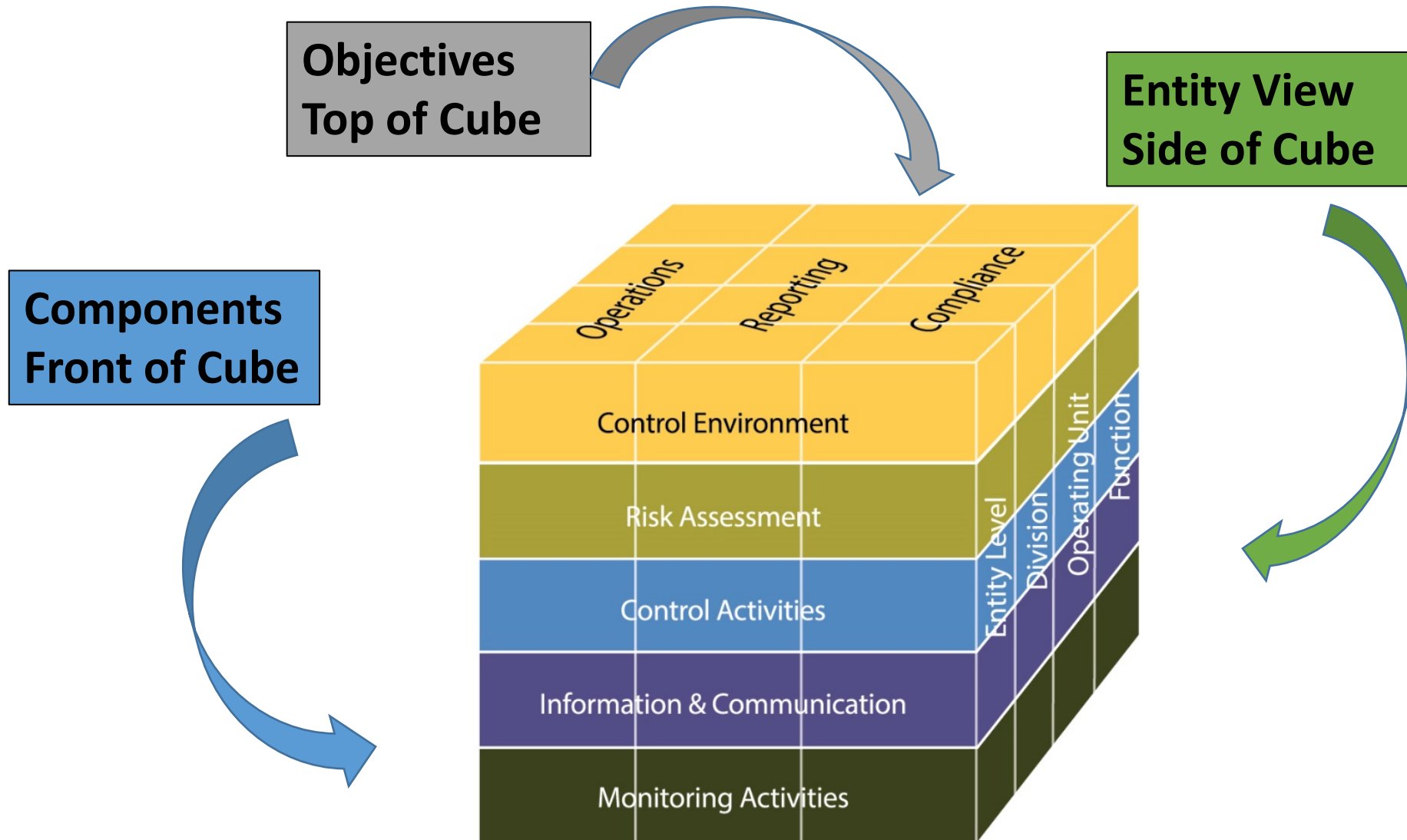
# Key Relationships



# COSO's Definition of Internal Controls

*Internal control is 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.*

# The COSO Cube



# Three Types of Objectives

**Operations** – achievement of an entity's basic mission, vision & strategies

**Reporting** – external financial & non-financial, internal financial & non-financial

**Compliance** – laws, regulations

# 5 Components & 17 Principles of the ICIF

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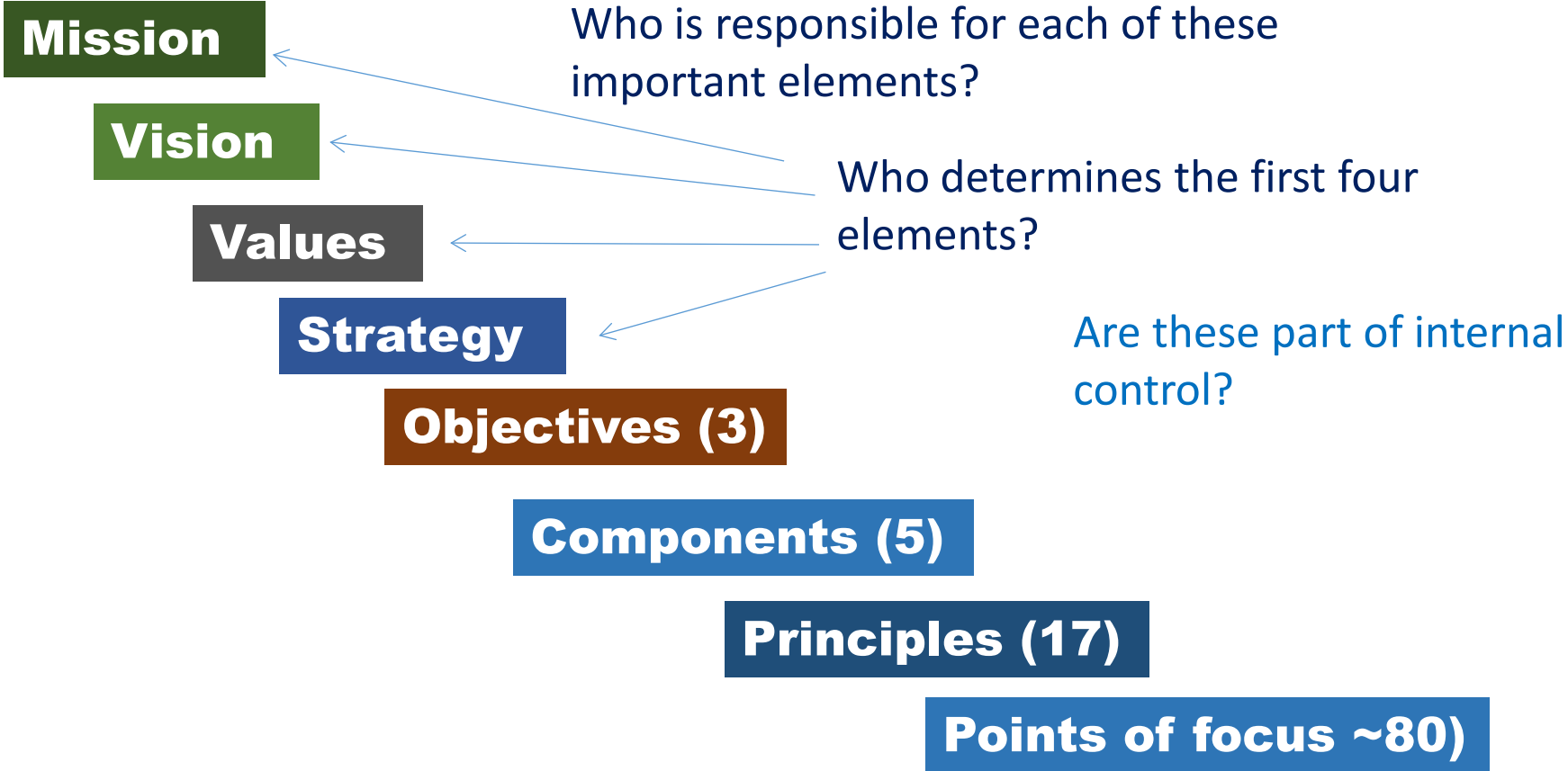
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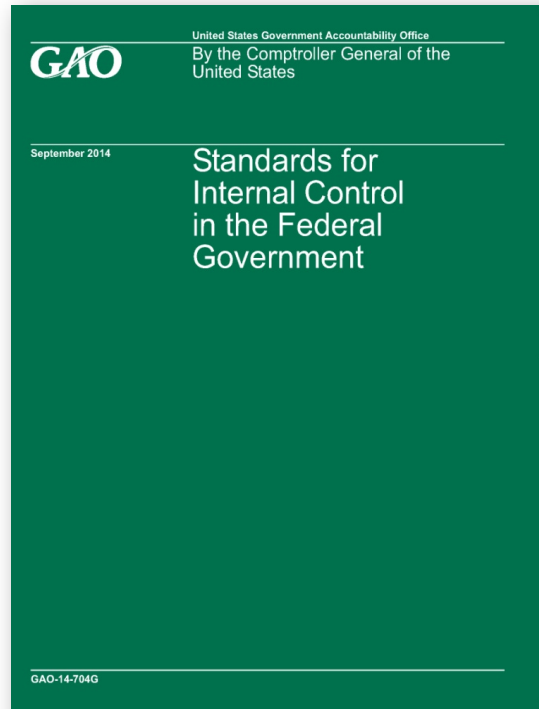


# Linking Organization Essentials with Main Parts of the COSO ICIF



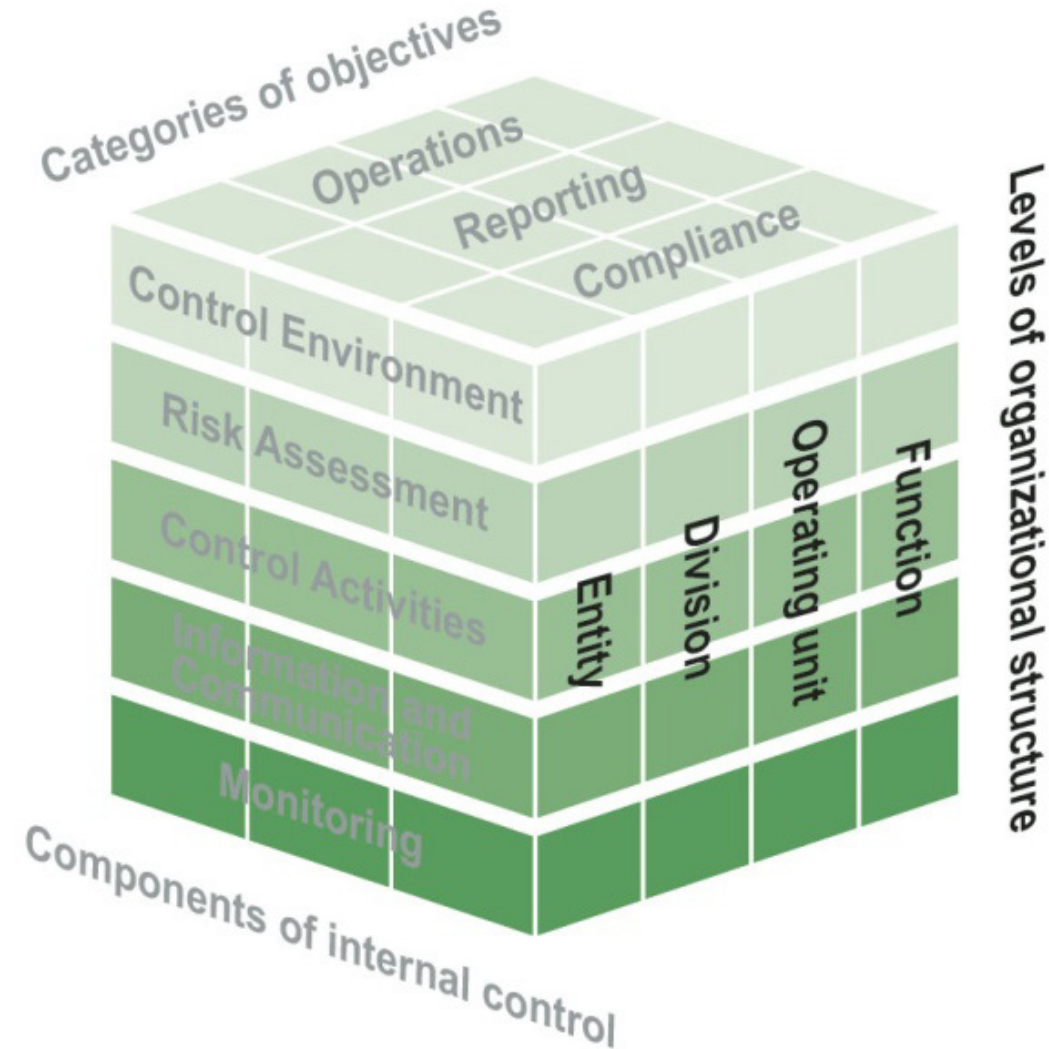
# Public Sector Use of COSO

## The Green Book

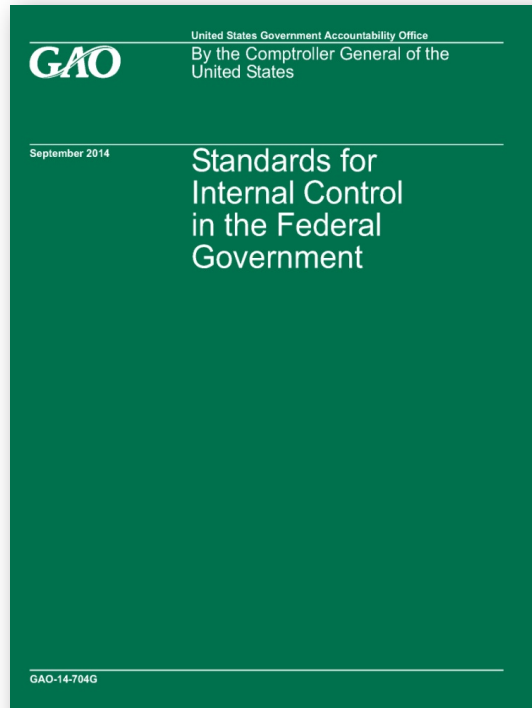


The COSO Internal Control Integrated Framework is Embedded in U.S. GAO's Green Book

# Green Book Cube



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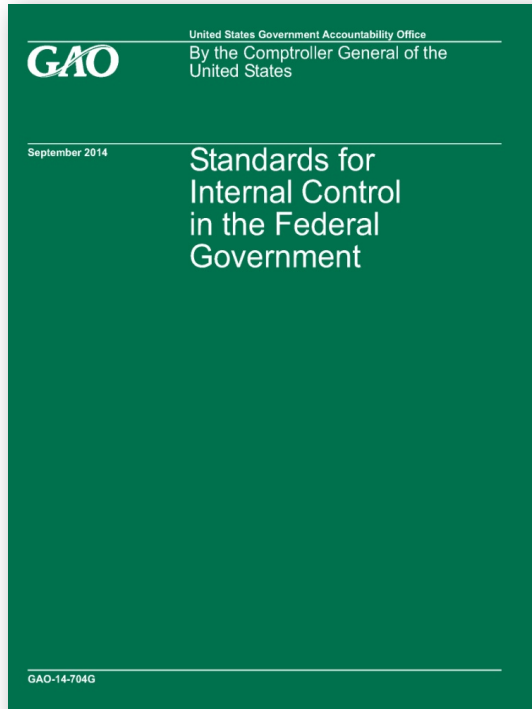


A required standard for all  
Federal agencies and  
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Use is on the rise for many  
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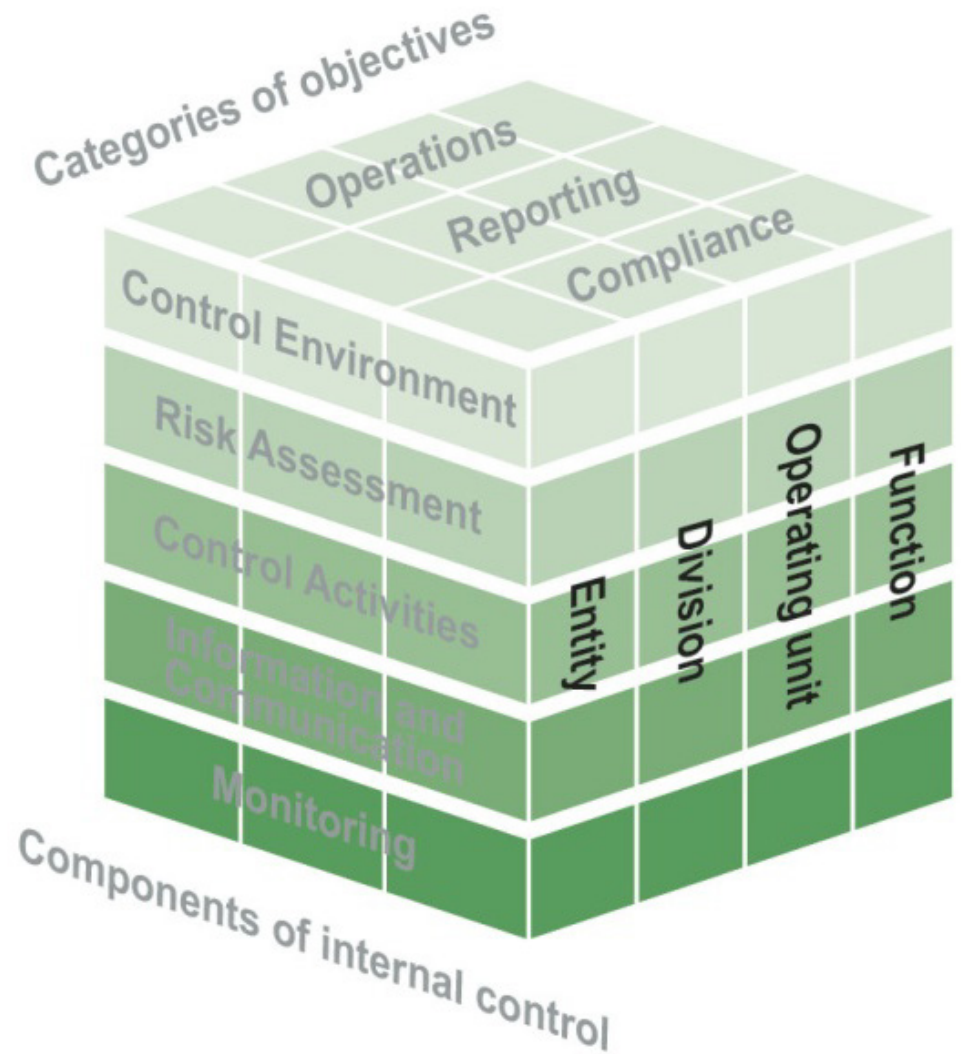
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Reflects federal internal control standards required per Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA)

Serves as a base for OMB Circular A-123

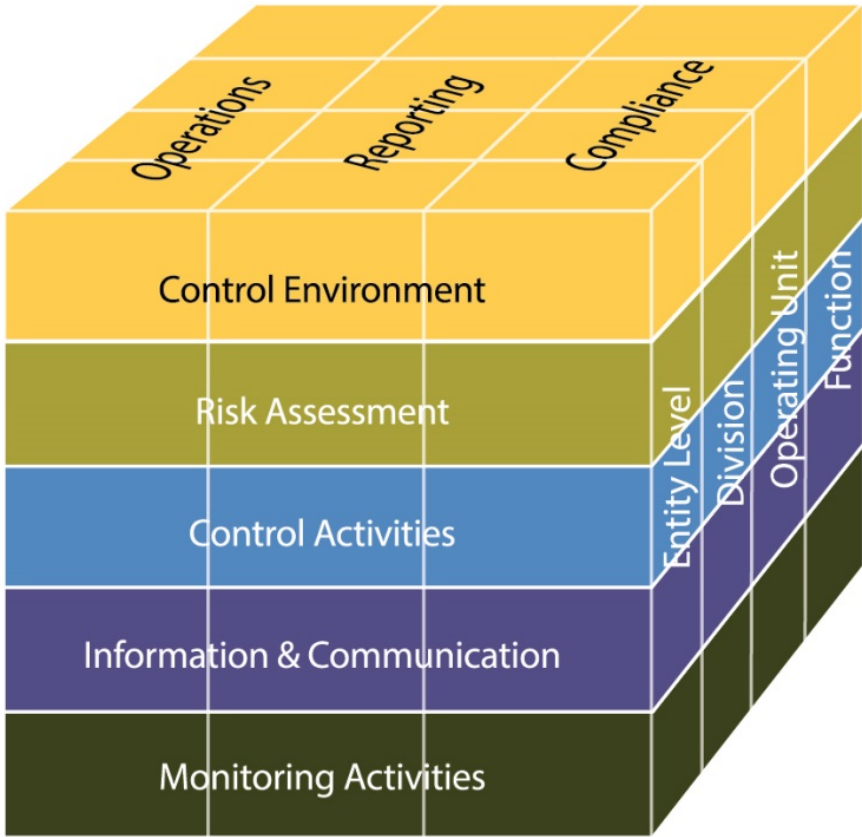
# Both Cubes



Levels of organizational structure



# COSO Cube



# Green Book as a Base for OMB Circular No. A-123

- Office of Management and Budget (OMB) released Circular No. A-123 in July 2016
- Focuses on Management's Responsibility for Risk Management and Internal Control
- Implements the Federal Financial Managers' Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA)
- Focus is on improving accountability in Federal programs and operations



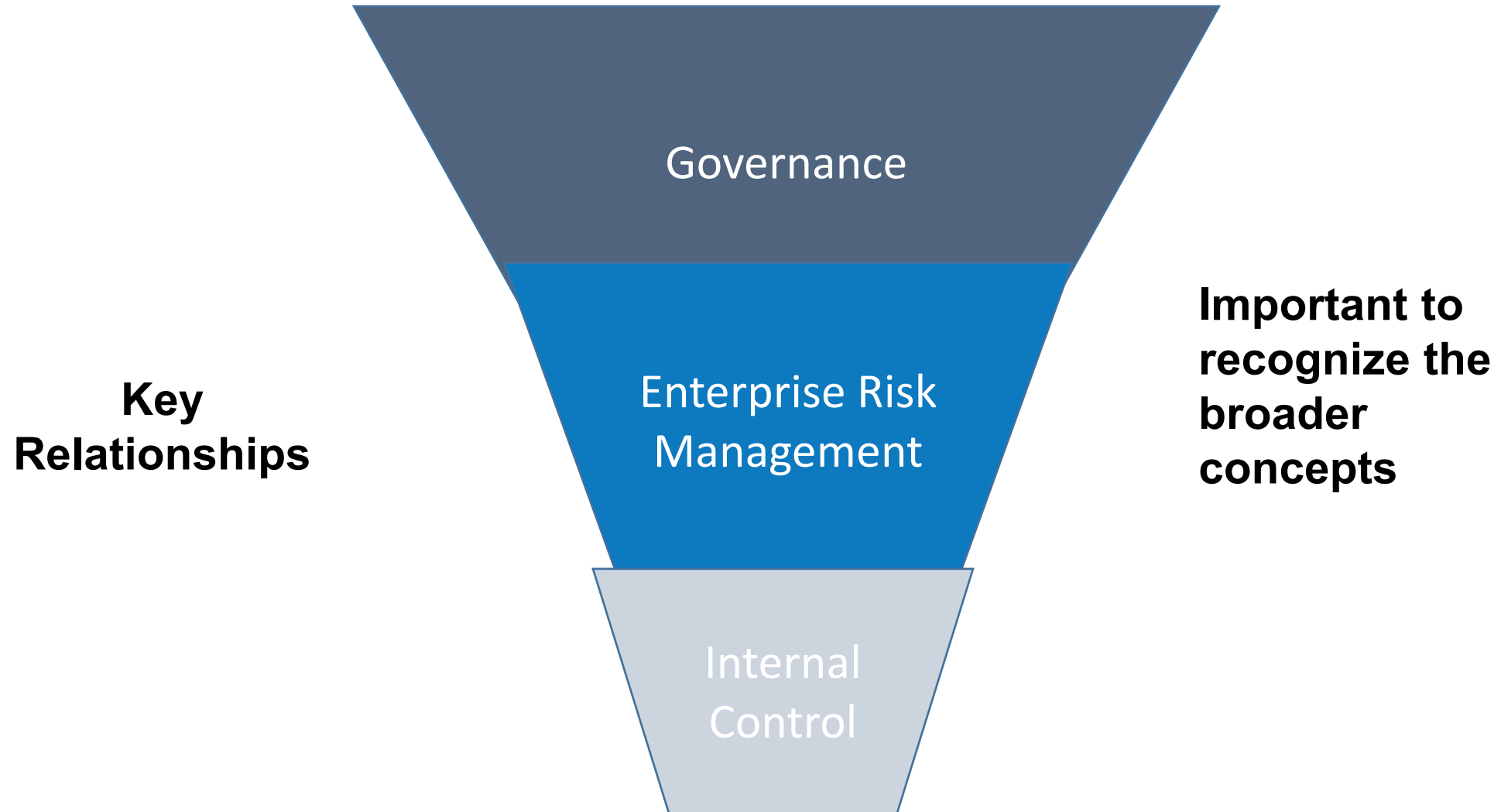
# OMB Circular No. A-123

- Specifies internal control requirements
- Links with Green Book
- Agencies should follow a risk based approach to integrate and coordinate internal controls across their organization
- All agencies should establish a senior management council to implement requirements

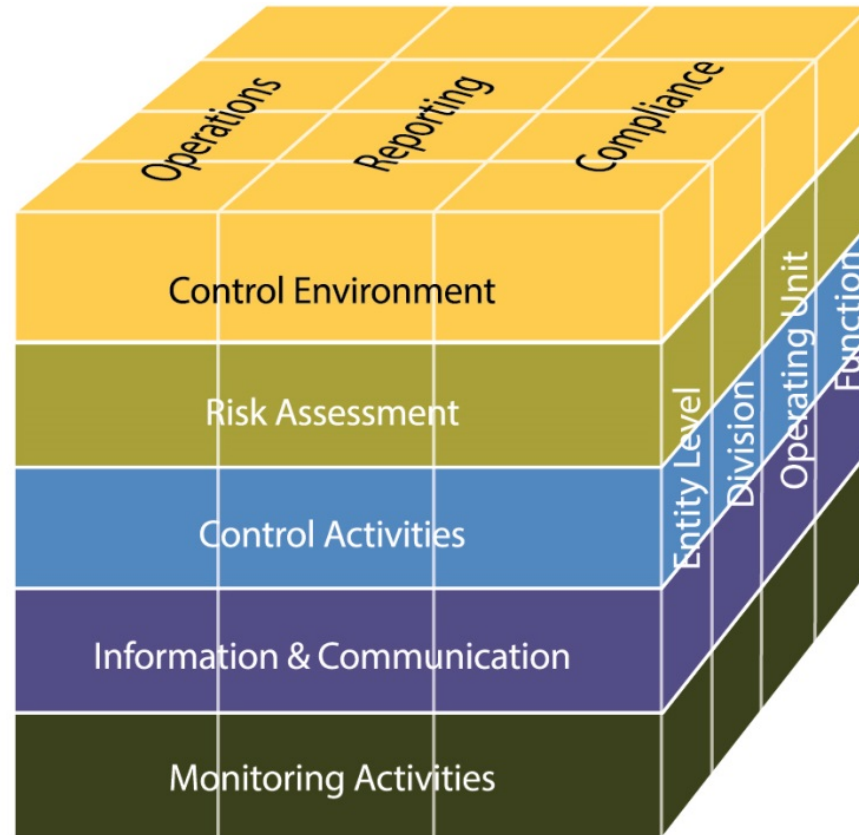
# OMB Circular No. A-123

- Focus on Enterprise Risk Management (ERM)
- All agencies are required to
  - Implement ERM
  - Develop a risk profile
- Agencies are encouraged to develop a Risk Management Council
- Focus on implementation across the agency
- Offers methods on streamlined reporting of internal control – a single assurance statement

# The Big Picture



# COSO Cube



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# Relationship Between Components and Principles

Component	<b>Control Environment</b>		
Principle	1. The organization demonstrates a commitment to integrity and ethical values.		
Controls embedded in other components may effect this principle	Human Resources review employees' confirmations to assess whether standards of conduct are understood and adhered to by staff across the entity	Management obtains and reviews data and information underlying potential deviations captured in whistleblower hot-line to assess quality of information	Internal Audit separately evaluates Control Environment, considering employee behaviors and whistleblower hotline results and reports thereon
	<i>Control Environment</i>	<i>Information &amp; Communication</i>	<i>Monitoring Activities</i>

# COSO Relationships

## Components, Principles, Points of Focus

### Control Environment

1. The organization demonstrates a commitment to integrity and ethical values.

#### *Points of Focus:*

- Sets the Tone at the Top
- Establishes Standards of Conduct
- Evaluates Adherence to Standards of Conduct
- Addresses Deviations in a Timely Manner

- **Points of focus may not be suitable or relevant, and others may be identified**
- **Points of focus may facilitate designing, implementing, and conducting internal control**
- **There is no requirement to separately assess whether points of focus are in place**

# Component - Control Environment

## Principle 1

The organization demonstrates a commitment to integrity and ethical values.

## Key questions...

- ❖ How would you describe the tone of organizational leaders?
- ❖ Are formal codes of conduct in place?
- ❖ How would employees describe the culture in the organization?
- ❖ When things go wrong, what actions follow?
- ❖ Are personnel evaluations consistent with expectations and cultural alignment?



# Component - Control Environment

## Principle 2

The board of directors demonstrates independence from management and exercises oversight of the development and performance of internal control.

## Key questions...

- ❖ Is there a governing body in place for oversight?
- ❖ If yes, do they understand and accept their oversight responsibilities?
- ❖ Is the governing body comprised of individuals with the right skills and expertise to provide oversight?

# Component - Control Environment

## Principle 3

Management establishes, with board oversight, structures, reporting lines, and appropriate authorities and responsibilities in the pursuit of objectives.

## Key questions...

- ❖ Is the entire organization considered in terms of the scope?
- ❖ Are the lines of authority clear throughout the organization from the governing body or board down to each level of management?
- ❖ Are the roles of outsourced providers clear in terms of lines of authority and the scope of their services?

# Component - Control Environment

## Principle 4

The organization demonstrates a commitment to attract, develop, and retain competent individuals in alignment with objectives.

## Key questions...

- ❖ Do adequate policies and procedures exist?
- ❖ Can the policies and procedures be linked to show support of objectives and strategic goals of the organization?
- ❖ How are any gaps in skill sets and competencies addressed?
- ❖ Are the right people working in the organization?
- ❖ How are personnel developed and retained?
- ❖ Are succession plans in place for members of the governing body and key personnel?

# Component - Control Environment

## Principle 5

The organization holds individuals accountable for their internal control responsibilities in the pursuit of objectives.

## Key questions...

- ❖ How are personnel held accountable for internal control responsibilities?
- ❖ Are performance indicators or metrics linked to incentives and rewards?

# Component - Control Environment

## Principle 5

The organization holds individuals accountable for their internal control responsibilities in the pursuit of objectives.

## Key questions...

- ❖ Are any excessive pressures that may threaten the ability of management to accomplish organizational objectives considered?
- ❖ Are those responsible for the system of internal control evaluated?

# Component - Control Environment

## Principle 5 – activities and examples

- ✓ Obtain sign-offs on goals mutually agreed upon with management and the board
- ✓ Develop incentives that are properly linked to performance
- ✓ Evaluate the appropriateness of awards
- ✓ Establish clear ways to communicate the basis for rewards
- ✓ Board and management periodic review of the appropriateness of incentives and rewards
- ✓ Evaluate link between incentives and organizational values

# Component – Risk Assessment

## Principle 6

The organization specifies objectives with sufficient clarity to enable the identification and assessment of risks relating to objectives.

## Key questions...

How are the objectives related to:

- ❖ Operations
- ❖ External financial and non-financial reporting
- ❖ Internal financial and non-financial reporting
- ❖ Compliance

# Component – Risk Assessment

## Principle 7

The organization identifies risks to the achievement of its objectives across the entity and analyzes risks as a basis for determining how the risks should be managed.

## Key questions...

- ❖ Are all aspects of the entity included? Subsidiary, division, operating unit, and functional levels?
- ❖ Are both internal and external factors considered?
- ❖ Are all appropriate levels of management involved?
- ❖ Have you evaluated how to estimate the significance of risks?
- ❖ Have you determined how to respond to risks?



# Component – Risk Assessment

## Principle 8

The organization considers the potential for fraud in assessing risks to the achievement of objectives.

## Key questions...

- ❖ What are the types of fraud that can occur?
- ❖ What incentives and pressures exist that can impact fraudulent activity?
- ❖ How might you assess opportunity for fraud?
- ❖ Have you considered how inappropriate behaviors may be invoked by certain attitudes and rationalizations?

# Component – Risk Assessment

## Principle 8 – activities and examples

### ✓ Look at historical fraud activities:

- Inventory theft
- Inventory shrinkage
- Whistle-blower reports
- Number of override entries
- Late reports
- Adjustment of estimates

### ✓ Benchmark whistleblower program with supply chain and/or industry

### ✓ Document how fraud risks are being managed

# Component – Risk Assessment

## Principle 9

The organization identifies and assesses changes that could significantly impact the system of internal control.

## Key questions...

- ❖ What changes in the external environment may impact risk assessment?
- ❖ How may modifications to the business model assess change?
- ❖ How can changes in leadership affect our approach to risk?

# Component – Risk Assessment

## Principle 9 – examples and activities

Assess changes in external environment

- ✓ Websites/disclosures
- ✓ Social media
- ✓ Newspaper clipping services
- ✓ Search engines/alerts
- ✓ Conferences
- ✓ Professional organizations

- ✓ Evaluate changes in international conditions
- ✓ Preparing for leadership changes
- ✓ Evaluate impact on culture after acquisitions
- ✓ Evaluate impact on culture when strategic alliances are formed

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