What Does Effective Audit Communication Look Like? Telling Our Stakeholders What They Need to Know

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Why is this important?

- Yellow Book Reporting Standards and Requirements
 - 9.08 The purposes of audit reports are to (1) clearly communicate the results of audits to those charged with governance, the appropriate officials of the audited entity, and the appropriate oversight officials and (2) facilitate follow-up to determine whether appropriate corrective actions have been taken.
 - 9.09 Auditors may present audit reports using electronic media through which report users and the audit organization can retrieve them. The users' needs will influence the form of the audit report. Different forms of audit reports include written reports, letters, briefing slides, or other presentation materials.

• San Francisco City Charter Appendix F

 F1.105 The Controller shall publish the results of all final performance audits and a summary of agency responses, shall deliver copies of such audits to relevant department heads, Audit Review Board, Mayor, City Attorney, Board of Supervisors, Civil Grand Jury, and Public Library, and shall make the audits available on the City's website.

Why is this important?

- Division's Policies & Procedures (Section 11.2)
 - The Audits Division has templates for the various types of reports and memorandums it issues. Auditors should use these templates for most audit reports. However, if no template fulfills the specific needs of the audit, the audit team should consult with the office's Quality Assurance Team (QA) to decide on the report format and content.
 - The Audits Division uses the Gregg Reference Manual as its guide to assist auditors in making the division's report style more consistent, as well to guide QA in making the division's writing easier to read.
- Core Competencies & Performance Expectations
 - Demonstrates strong written communication skills by composing and/or providing feedback to staff in developing clear, impactful, quality and concise audit reports, work products, and correspondence.
 - Produces written products that are grammatically correct and readily understandable to management, other non-technical professional staff, and the public.

• Stakeholder Expectations

 End-of-audit client survey on whether audit report is accurate, clear and organized, engaging to read, and contains recommendations that are reasonable, actionable, and add value.

Strategies & Tools for Effective Communication

People

- Building Team Cohesion & Collaboration
- Culture of Transparency & Accuracy
- Mix of skills, knowledge and abilities
- Establishing Trust and Rapport with Stakeholders
- Tone at the Top
- Staff Training and Development
- Graphics Resource Team
- Controller's
 Communications Manager

Processes

- Policies and Procedures
- Templates and Guidelines
 - Full Report
 - Memo
 - o Interim Briefs
 - o Bulletin
 - Quarterly & Annual Reports
- Regular Distribution Lists
- Quality Assurance Reviews & Tips
- Brown Bag and Lunch & Learn Sessions
- Performance Measures

Technology

- Analytical Tools, Power BI
- Visualization, Infographic, Images/Artwork, Process Map/Flow
- Continuous auditing techniques
- Video Editing
- Social Media
- Other Systems & Tools

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The Office of the Controller's City Services Audior (CSA) today issued a report on its audit of inventory management at the Airport s reasumes unvision. The audiout dhat the Airport does not have adequate controls to effectively manage or account for inventory to mitigate the risks of waste, loss, or theft, and ensure its inventory is properly valued. Inventory management is heavily decentralized in the Airport's Facilities Division, resulting in insufficient oversight of and incomsis the inventory procurement and handling process. The Airport has begun to take steps to address these issues, but must do more to consolidate and improve t inventory management is of dollars in inventory ear.

To view the report, please visit our website at: http://openbook.sfgov.org/webreports/details3.aspx?id=2752

This is a send-only e-mail address. For questions about the report, please contact Acting Chief Audit Executive Mark de la Rosa at mark p.delarosa@sfgov.or 415-554-7574 or the CSA Audits Division at 415-554-7469.







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1.1 Controller's Office Overview

The Charter of the City and County of San Francisco (City) designates the controller as the City's chief accounting officer and auditor. The controller is appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors to serve a ten-year term of office. The controller is responsible for all financial management systems, procedures, internal control processes, and reports that disclose the fiscal condition of the City to managers, policy makers, and clitzens. The controller is also the auditor for the City, performing financial and performance audits of departments, agencies, concessions and contracts.

In furtherance of these charter-mandated functions, the Office of the Controller (Controller's Office) provides a variety of support services. These include processing the City's budget, developing and maintaining a financial accounting information system for use by all departments, and preparing and distributing paychecks for all city employees

1.2 Controller's Office Mission, Vision, and Values

Mission Statement: We ensure the City's financial integrity and promote efficient, effective and accountable government

Vision Statement: We strive to be a model for good government and to make the City a better place

Core Values

- Teamwork: We support a cooperative work environment. Our team is strengthened by the diversity and contributions of its members.
- Trust: We act with honesty, integrity, and fairness. Respect: We understand and appreciate the inherent value of one another
- Equal Opportunity: We provide opportunities to all staff to contribute and achieve their potential.
- Communication: We communicate honestly and openly. Excellence: We strive for personal and professional excellence. We recognize and
- reward exemplary performance. · Service: We focus on our customer needs. We recognize that to improve service, we must be a learning organization that seeks continuous improvement
- 1.3 City Services Auditor Charter Amendment of 2003

The Audits Division (formerly Internal Audits) and the City Performance Division (formerly City Projects) of the Controller's Office were brought together' and expanded to implement the City Services Auditor (CSA) amendment to the Charter, Appendix F, passed on the November 2003 ballot. This amendment, effective in July 2004, covers the

The two divisions are now separate, but still share a budget within the Controller's Office. City Services Auditor-Audits Division Page 1/3 Revised 7/19



During last focal year, the Sheriff filled nearly all the vacancies it had in the three prior years. However, the increase in hining did not keep pace with the increase in the amount of work Sheriff stiff genforms. From fical years 2014-15 to 2017-18, total work hours increased by 10 parcent (141 Tiffs workt of work), but staffing increased by only 5 parcent (143 Tiffs worth of work) and budgeted positions actually decreased by 1 percent (14 FTEs). Furthermore, as Exhibit 1 shows, even as the Sheriff filled most of its budgeted positions in fical year 2017-18, its total work performed still exceeded its budget by 238 FTE. This gap has grown by more than 168 percent, from 35 to 238 FTE.

Total work performed may not precisely reflect the department's true staffing need. For example, it excludes requests for more security that a department such as the Department of Public Healt as the Department of Public Health (Public Health) might want, but that the Sheriff cannot provide due to staffing limitations. It could also include time spent on inefficient practices. Modernizing some manual processes, such as some manual processe, such as scheduling of staff, may improve efficiency. However, a significant portion of the department's work is to maintain a security presence driven largely by the risk level of inmates and the physical structure of the buildings it secures. Such work has little opportunity for efficiency cost

on four areas of the Sheriff's workload.

Exhibit 1: Although the Sheriff Has Hired to Fill Nearly All of Its Budgeted Positions, Its Total Work in Fiscal Year 2017-18 Still Exceeded the Budget by 238 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Positions 238 gap ur-Year Change

Staffing

186%

5%

Some of the increase in work hours has been to train newly hired deputies. However, other factors changed the workload in key areas. This report focuses The number of budgeted FTE positions excludes attrition savings required of e department in the budget. The fiscal year 2018-19 budget includes 1019 FTEs. which required 1.3 million hours of staff

Source: Auditor analysis of city powerall data and budget documents

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4 | Key Strategies Could Help the Sheriff Reduce Its Heavy Reliance on Overtime and Better Communicate It Staffing Needs

Executive Summary

The audit reviewed staffing at the San Francisco Sheriff's Department (Sheriff), focusing on its custody field operations, programs, and administration functions, which account for 91 percent of its budget. The Sheriff is responsible for a wide variety of law enforcement duties, including providing detension of persons arrested or under court order, operating the county jails, running inmate and post-custody transitional programming, and providing bailiff services to the courts and security services to other city departments. Many of the Sheriff's duties are mandated by law and driven by factors beyond the department's control. The Sheriff operates under constraints from the City's general fund budget, which is subject to voter-approved restrictions and legislative priorities.

WHAT WE FOUND





OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

MEMORANDUM

- TO Government Audit and Oversight Committee, Board of Supervisors
- FROM: Mark de la Rosa, Acting Chief Audit Executive, City Services Auditor
- DATE: August 14, 2019
- City Services Auditor Summary of the Implementation Status of Recom Followed up on in Fiscal Year 2018-19 SUBJECT:

The City Services Auditor (CSA) of the Office of the Controller (Controller) follows up on all recommendations it issues to departments of the City and Courty of San Francisco (City) every sis months after original issuance. CSA reports on the results of its follow-up activity to the Board of Supervisors' Government Audit and Oversight Committee. This process fulfills the requirement of the San Francisco Charter, Section F1.105, for auditees to report on their efforts to address the Controller's findings and, if relevant, report the basis for deciding not to implement a recommendation.

The regular follow-up begins when CSA sends a questionnaire to the responsible department requesting an update on the implementation status of each recommendation. CSA assignr a summary status to the report or memorandum for each responsible department according to the status of each ecommendation. The statuses are described in the table below

Summary of Follow-Up Statuses

Summary Status	Status of Recommendations	Further Regular Follow-Up?
Closed	All closed	No
Open	At least one open, including any that the department	Yes

Based on its review of the department's response, CSA assigns a status to each recommendation. A

- Open indicates that the recommendation has not yet been fully implemented.
 Contested indicates that the department has chosen not to implement the recommendation
 Closed indicates that the response described sufficient action to fully implement the recommendation or an acceptable alternative or a change occurred to make the mmendation no longer applicable or feasible.

Also. CSA periodically selects reports or memorandums for a more in-depth, field follow-up assessment, which CSA tests to verify the implementation status of the recon

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Technology

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Nounproject.com

Searchable database of icons that can be downloaded in custom colors and without backgrounds so they can be easily manipulated and combined as needed.





Technology (Continued)

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Piktochart.com

Web-based tool for creating engaging visuals. It allows you to do things that are not easily done in Microsoft products or other standard tools.

Examples



Create icon matrix visuals



The City does not consistently follow leading practices in four areas of facilities maintenance. CSA focused on maintenance of above-ground structures and excluded infrastructure assets.



* After the audit period, the City replaced its financial and procurement system, which eliminated many of the system limitations identified in this report.

EXHIBIT 1 TNCs Must Pay the Airport for Trips That Occur Within the Airport's Geofence



Fleet Management Performance Audit

The objective was to assess whether the City effectively manages the life cycle of its fleet, specifically acquisition, utilization, maintenance, and disposal.

WHAT WE FOUND



The number of light-duty city vehicles increased from July 2010-June 2017.

28% of light-duty vehicles with telematics installed were underused.

28% underutilized

1,533 light-duty vehicles

 General Services Agency – Central Shops/Fleet Management has successfully implemented many key strategic initiatives but has not been empowered to carry out its mission to manage the City's fleet in a cost-effective and sustainable manner. The City spent \$229,100 in FY 2016-17 maintaining 232 old, highmileage, and underused vehicles and does not have an optimal or adequate process for deciding when or if to dispose of a vehicle.



#Audit finds #FleetManagement

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must be repositioned in the vehicle procurement process to right-size the @SFGOV fleet and maximize the #ZEV ordinance's benefits. To better implement the ordinance, the City must clarify the statute and rightsize its fleet.

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Visuals & Social Media: Summarized the key findings in our Executive Summary through infographics on trends over time, percentage of underutilization, and potential savings.

Examples from the Whistleblower Program

Whistleblower Program

Our Whistleblower Program uses various media and tools to promote and report on program activities.



Examples from the Construction Audit Program

Construction Audit Program

Our Construction Audit Program also uses various tools & strategies to report on audit activities.



Below Market-Rate Housing Eligibility Audit (in process)

The objective is to assess whether the department has adequate controls over determining households' eligibility to rent below market-rate housing program rental units.

WHAT WE FOUND

Allowing an in-lieu fee option for developers who do not want to include affordable rental units in their residential properties contributes to a concentration of low-income households in certain areas.



Exhibit 19: The Fee Option Shifts Affordable Units Away from High-Income Areas

Analytics & Visual: Used ArcGIS to:

- Plot locations for which developers paid a fee instead of building affordable units.
- Plot locations of housing built with fee revenue.
- Overlay income data, demonstrating that fee revenue comes from highincome areas to fund housing in low-income areas.

Note: The City's affordable housing data has problems, as discussed in Finding 3.1. Source: MOHCD, Pipeline of Residential Projects with Inclusionary Requirements, updated June 4, 2018; Planning Department, Fiscal Year 2014-15 and 2015-16 Biennial Development Impact Fee Report

Below Market-Rate Housing Eligibility Audit (in process)

WHAT WE FOUND

| Recertification

The process for awarding BMR rental units to eligible tenants is complex.

Exhibit 4: The BMR Rental Housing Process Has Seven Phases, From the Developer's Decision to Build a BMR Unit to Annual Recertification of Tenant Eligibility

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5	Phase 6	Phase 7
Building	Pricing	Marketing	Application	Lottery	Leasing	Recertification
Developer chooses to build or pay	MOHCD sets rent	MOHCD approves marketing plan; developer markets units	Households submit applications	MOHCD holds lottery; leasing agent screens eligibility of top- ranked applications		Leasing agent annually re- assesses tenant's eligibility

Finding 1.1: MOHCD has effective controls to prevent abuse of the BMR rental program. MOHCD has strong controls to ensure an impartial award process for BMR rental units and prevent abuse, such as providing applicants with confirmation and updates, removing duplicate applications, and preventing units from being listed on short-term rental platforms. Specifically, MOHCD's lottery process is Finding 2.1: MOHCD must improve monitoring to detect errors that could result in ineligible tenants renting BMR units. MOHCD does not have an adequate review process to identify and correct

MOHCD does not have an adequate review process to identify and correct mistakes and omissions in application materials and leasing agents' monitoring documents. Consequently, MOHCD incorrectly awarded a unit to an applicant

Visual: We summarized this process in the report's background section. To help readers track which parts of this complex process each finding is related to, we put a key at the beginning of each finding.

Library IT Governance Audit

The objective was to assess whether the library had strong controls to ensure governance that complied with best practices for an IT function.

WHAT WE FOUND

The library's IT unit did not systematically complete performance appraisals for its staff which contributed to ongoing performance weaknesses.

Exhibit 9: IT Division Performance Plan and Appraisal Completion Rate



Source: Auditor's analysis of Library IT PPAR completion tracking data.



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Visuals: Combining icons from NounProject.com within Piktochart.com, represented each employee with an icon grouped according to whether or not they received an appraisal.

Procurement Card Program Audit

The objective was to determine departments' compliance with the Procurement Card (P-Card) program.

WHAT WE FOUND

Of the seven audited department, only two demonstrated satisfactory procurement method usage of their P-Cards in every instance. Almost all (95 percent) of the 147 tested P-Card purchases in 2016 did not comply with the then-authorized, categorical usage permitted for P-Card procurements, under city accounting and procurement policies and procedures.

Type of Weakness	Number	%		Increases Risk That
Prohibited purchases	118	80%	\bigcirc	Fraud or misuse of city funds may occur without management's knowledge.
Duties not segregated	13	9%		Errors, both intentional and unintentional, may go undetected and assets may be misappropriated.
Lack of required documentation	138	94%		Fraud or misuse of city funds may occur. Without sufficient documentation, there is less assurance that payments are for city business.
Departmental P-Card policy is less restrictive than city P-Card policy	3*	43%		Staff may circumvent policies.

Procurement Card Program Audit Office of the Controller – City Services Auditor

March 2019

The City Services Auditor (CSA) of the Office of the Controller (Controller) audited departments' compliance with the Procurement Card (P-Card) program of the City and County of San Francisco (City), which was implemented in 2016. As of the end of 2016, P-Cards had been issued to 47 employees in seven departments. The City's P-Cards are credit-limited charge cards issued by US. Bank. In 2016 the seven departments participating in the P-Card program executed 380 transactions totaling \$28,779. The average transaction amount was 576.

What We Found



The seven departments that participated in the P-Card program in 2016 were the Department of Emergency Management, Department of Public Health, Department of Technology, Human Services Agency, Office of the City Attorney, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, and San Francisco Public Utilites Commission, Of these, only two departments demonstrated satisfactory procurement method usage of their P-Cards in every instance. Almost all (95 percent) of the 147 tested P-Card purchases in 2016 did not comply with the then-authorized, categorical usage permitted for P-Card procurements, under city accounting and procurement policies and procedures. That is, P-Cards were to be used only for:

- Emergency purchases during declared emergencies and natural disasters.
 Purchases related to travel, training, or other employee reimbursement
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More Oversight, Improved and/or Updated Policies and Procedures Should Be Considered

To ensure city departments use appropriate procurement methods and that city funds are used appropriately for city business purposes and in accordance with city policies, the Controller's Accounting Operations Division, which is the City's P-Card administrator, should:

- Implement more frequent or effective monitoring to ensure all P-Card purchases comply with city policies and procedures.
- Update the P-Card policies and procedures manual to reflect current city business needs for approving appropriate information technology purchases, stored value card purchases, and food purchases made with a P-Card.
- · Ensure city departments use purchase orders, not P-Cards, for recurring purchases.

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- Direct departments to provide initial and ongoing training to cardholders on appropriate uses of P-Cards and follow up with departments to ensure the training occurred.
- Periodically review departmental roles and, when applicable, direct departments to segregate incompatible
 duties to mitigate the risk of error and fraud.
- Remind departments to collect and retain all required supporting documentation, as described in city P-Card policies and procedures.
- Direct departments to ensure their P-Card policies and procedures do not expand the allowed uses of city P-Cards.

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Analytics: Used ACL to identify exceptions. **Reporting:** Summarized results in a bulletin format.

Exhibit: Control Weaknesses Found in the 140 Noncompliant P-Card Payments

DPH Environmental Health Branch (EHB) Audit

The objectives were to determine whether the EHB's programs have an infrastructure that promotes values and ethics and whether the programs recover their costs through their fees.

WHAT WE FOUND

Opportunities exist for DPH to improve EHB's ethical climate, inspection and billing processes, and system capabilities. CSA found:

- Management and staff survey responses indicate an overall good ethical climate with the need to improve in some areas, such as ethics training.
- The four audited programs do not conduct all required inspections and inconsistently perform re-inspections, leaving some facilities unexamined for public health risks and code violations.

Visuals: Summarized the survey results using bar graphs with percentages. Presented key facets of our findings in a chart with most critical elements and descriptions.



Sheriff Staffing

The objectives were to determine whether the Sheriff has appropriate framework for managing and monitoring its staffing activities and assess scheduling's impact on employee performance and safety.

WHAT WE FOUND

The Sheriff's timekeeping and payroll process was highly manual, making it vulnerable to errors. The team found multiple instances of payroll staff having to correct records of previous pay periods because of such errors.

Exhibit 31: The Sheriff's Staff Must Process a Large Stack of Paper Timesheets Each Pay Period



Source: CSA photo

Visuals:

- Photograph to show impact on administrative workload.
- Diagram in PowerPoint to show how timekeeping process results in complexity and numerous documents for each employee each pay period.





Time Entry – According to staff, 3.5 payroll employees manually enter each timesheet for each employee and review each individual's time to ensure overtime pay complies with MOU and Fair Labor Standards Act.

SFPD Use of Force Data Collection & Reporting (in process)

The objective is to assess controls over collecting and reporting on uses of force by officers. *Interim Report*. Focuses on one subobjective to assess the quality of published reports on use of force.

WHAT WE FOUND

The two key reports that SFPD publishes with information on officers' use of force do not comply with best practices.

Visual: Succinctly list best practices with visual indicators of whether the two reports comply. Icons include symbol as well as color to ensure colorblind readers can easily interpret the visual.

Best Practices f	EIS Report	96A Report				
Context	Reports should provide context to assist users in interpreting data and facilitate informed decision making.		$\overline{\mathbf{\Theta}}$			
User needs	Reports should include data that is summarized, stratified, and provided in appropriate detail to meet the needs of stakeholders relying on the data.	\bigotimes	\bigcirc			
Key points	Reports should include a concise and organized executive summary to improve the structure of the report and ensure users can easily follow relevant points.	\bigotimes	Θ			
Visualization	Reports should represent data, especially more complex data, through graphics that accurately show trends, relationships, and the most significant information	\bigotimes	$\overline{\mathbf{\Theta}}$			
Open Data	Data that supports reports should be available to increase public trust.					
Accuracy and completeness	Stakeholders should be able to rely on the reports to make informed decisions.	CSA will assess this in its full audit**				
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Exhibit 1: The Police Department Can Improve Its Use-of-Force Reports by Aligning Them With Best Practices

**As part of its full audit, CSA is assessing the accuracy and completeness of the data underlying the EIS and 96A reports. Source: Best practices from publications on writing statistics for governments; compliance with best practices assessed by CSA.

Confidential IT Penetration Test Reports

These reports provide departments information on security vulnerabilities in their network.

WHAT WE FOUND



Visual: Summary categorizes the findings based on risk level and sorts into primary risk areas for IT security.

Did You Effectively Communicate?

• How Do You Know?

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- What and How Did You Communicate Your Message?
- Did You Make Yourself Available?
- Did You Track Action?
- Did You Promote Your Product?
 - Internally
 - Externally
- How Did You Decide On How Much Or How Little To Communicate?

Did You Effectively Communicate?

- Track Action Taken!
 - Were Your Recommendations Implemented?
 - Did The Press Pick Up Your Story...Correctly?
 - Did Your Recommendations Reach a Diverse Audience?
 - Did You Get a Pat on the Back?

How Did You Communicate?

- Report Cover/Title
- Highlights
- Factsheet (Press Page)
- Report (PDF, HTML)
- Briefings (Different Set of Documents)
- Twitter (Image)
- Email Blast (Sound Bite)

Were You Responsive to Inquiries?

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- Public Records Act Requests
- Press Contact
- Public Inquiries
- Legislature/Council
- Auditee

Did You Promote Your Product?

- Website
- Email Blast
- Social Media
- Recipients How Did You Create the List?
- Interested Persons
- All Staff Message
- Speaking Opportunities
- Awards

How Do You Decide How to Communicate?

- Know What Key Messages You Need to Communicate
- Assess Complexity of Information

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- Work With Others Who Are Not Too Close to The Information
- Determine What's More Effective (What is The Point You Are Trying to Makes?)
- Assess Value-Added (Don't Get Caught Up on The Novelties)
- Consider The Outcome and Recipient

How Do These Stack Up?

• Examples...

Other Tips for Effective Audit Communication

- Know your audience
- Be intentional about your decisions
- Obtain feedback from stakeholders
- Be timely and responsive
- Be proactive and innovative
- Be agile and adaptable
- Continuously improve
- Avoid jargon
- Tone is key
- Provide context
- Don't forget the "so what?"
- Keep it simple

Thank you.

Questions?