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Results with impact



Increased trust in government



Independent, transparent examinations



Improved efficiency and effectiveness of government



“ Independent audits can be believed and relied upon by everyone, regardless of personal or political beliefs. ”

State Auditor Pat McCarthy



Accountability audit results

January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024

Results in Brief

This report describes the overall results and conclusions for the areas we examined.

In those selected areas, Alliance operations complied, in all material respects, with applicable state laws, regulations, and its own policies, and provided adequate controls over the safeguarding of public resources.

In keeping with general auditing practices, we do not examine every transaction, activity, policy, internal control or area. As a result, no information is provided on the areas that were not examined.

Accountability audit results

Using a risk-based audit approach, for the Alliance, we examined the following areas during the period:

- Accounts payable – credit cards and electronic funds transfers
- Tenant leases – compliance with contract terms and vacancy testing
- Procurement – public works and purchases
- Compliance with interlocal agreement terms
- Review of third-party CPA system review work – finance and operations modules
- Financial Condition – reviewing for indications of financial distress
- Open Public Meetings – compliance with minutes, meetings and executive session requirements





Related audit work

Review of Independent CPA firm Audit

- January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024
- Audit Type: Financial and Federal

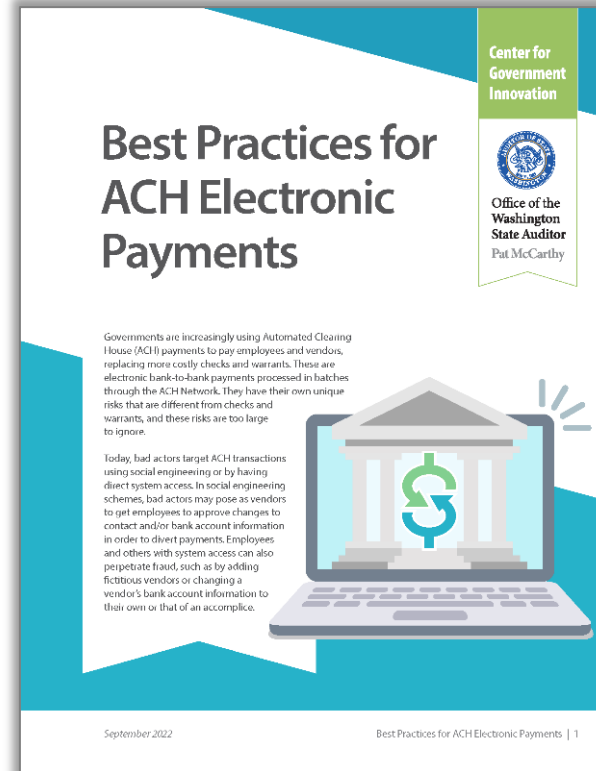


Work of other auditors

A financial statement and federal grant audit was performed by Baker Tilly.

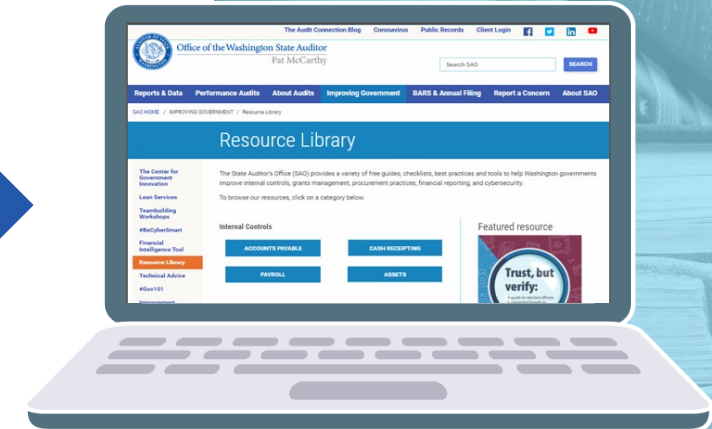
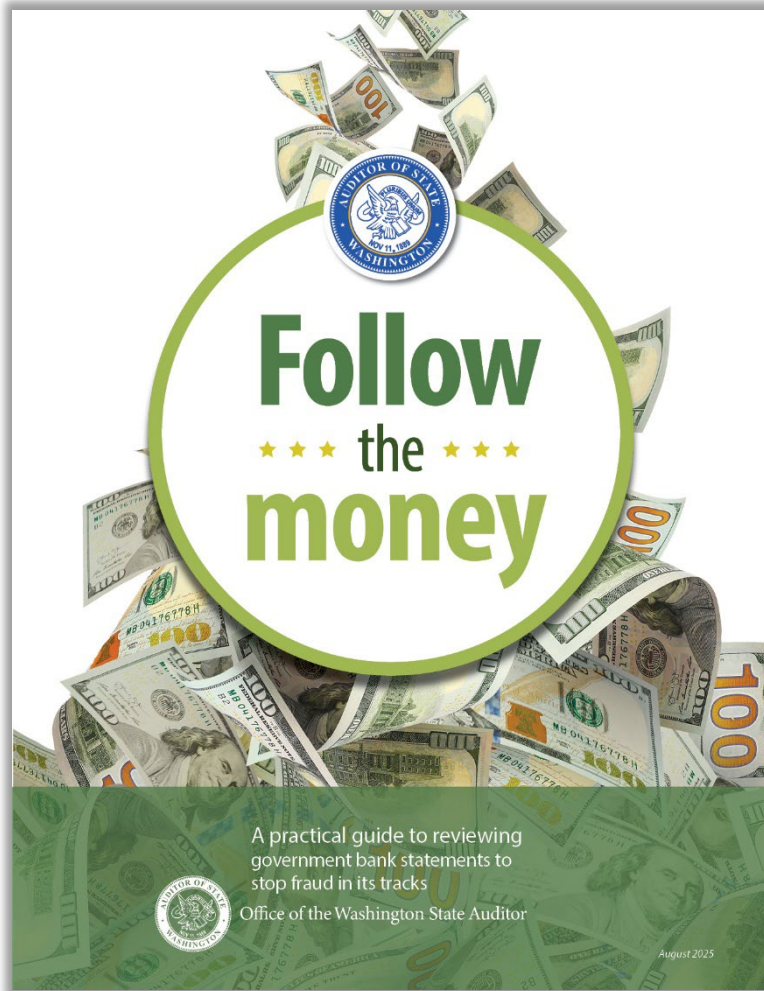
- Communication helps facilitate timely review. We request:
 - Timely notification of the assigned independent CPA firm or any changes there of and the scope of the audit to be conducted
 - Notification of when the audit has begun and has been completed
 - Invitations to key meetings held with the firm, including the opportunity to attend the final report out meeting or exit conference

Resources for state and local governments



Scan the QR code to access these resources and more.

Fraud prevention resource



Available in our resource library, SAO's latest fraud prevention resource shows government officials how a 30-minute bank statement review can spot the red flags of fraud.



Closing remarks

- Audit costs are in alignment with our original estimate
Next audit: Fall 2026
- Accountability for public resources – January 1, 2025,
through December 31, 2026

We have provided an estimated cost for the next audit in our
exit packet

Thank you!



- We would like to thank the Alliance's officials and staff for their cooperation and responses to our requests during the audit.
- We would especially like to thank Don Kelley, Ashley Novinger, and their team for helping the audit progress effectively and for fulfilling our audit requests timely.



Questions



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