



Entrance Conference

Port of Tacoma

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About SAO

- Established in State Constitution
- Led by State Auditor Pat McCarthy
- Auditor of all public accounts
- Audits more than 160 state agencies and 2,200 local governments
- Audits 43 different government types
- Staffed by nearly 500 employees



“ Our mission is to promote accountability and transparency in government. ”

State Auditor Pat McCarthy





Audits that matter

Accountability

Financial

Federal

Performance audits

Cybersecurity audits

Energy compliance
audits

Citizen hotlines

Special
investigations

Other engagements

2,501 audits conducted

(July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)



Work of Other Auditors

- A financial statement audit and an audit of expenditures of federal rewards for fiscal year 2025 were performed by Baker Tilley.
- We will review their work and determine if anything causes concern about its quality.
- We will remain alert and report to you on whether any limitations restricted our analysis of the other audit.
- We will notify you if we notice any instance in which a material misstatement of the financial statements has or may have resulted from fraud or suspected fraud.





Accountability audit

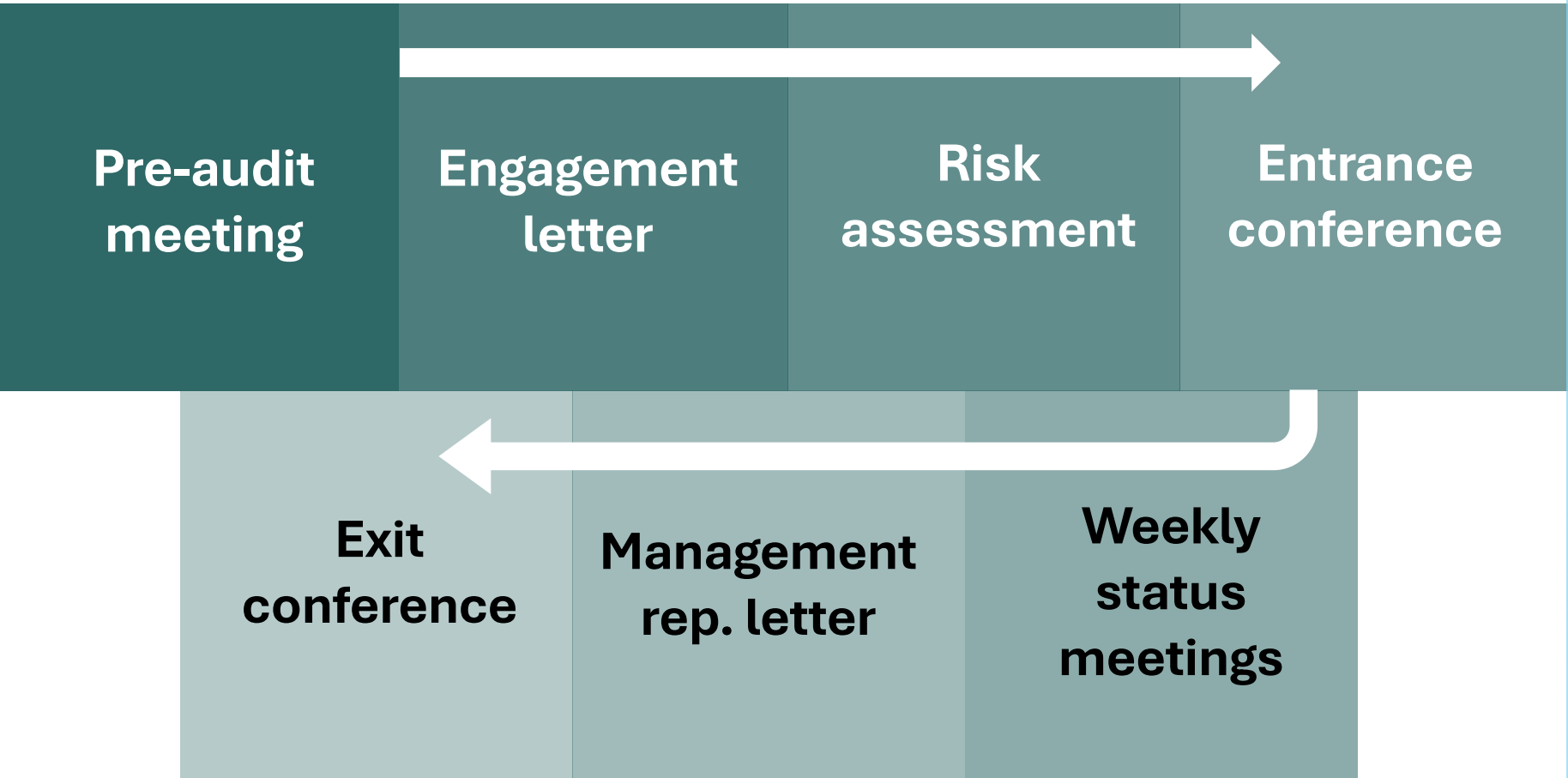
January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

Using a risk-based audit approach for the Port, we plan to evaluate the following areas:

- Bank accounts – review of activity
- Accounts payable - credit cards
- Self-insurance – health and welfare, unemployment, and workers compensation
- Tenant leases – compliance with contract terms and vacancy testing
- Accounts payable – electronic funds transfers
- Payroll – electronic funds transfers
- Procurement – public works and change orders
- Tracking and monitoring of theft sensitive assets, such as computers, tools, and equipment
- Financial condition – reviewing for indications of financial distress
- Open public meetings – compliance with minutes, meetings and executive session requirements



Staying connected



Levels of reporting

Findings

Included in
audit report

Management
letters

Referenced in
audit report

Exit items

Communicated to
management





Important information

Confidential
information

Audit costs

Audit dispute
process

Loss
reporting

Onsite Audit Work

We are committed to working with our state and local partners to complete audits as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Supporting **onsite audit work**, even in a limited or hybrid capacity, can greatly improve the audit by providing:

In-person
collaboration

Efficient and
secure sharing
of hard copy
records

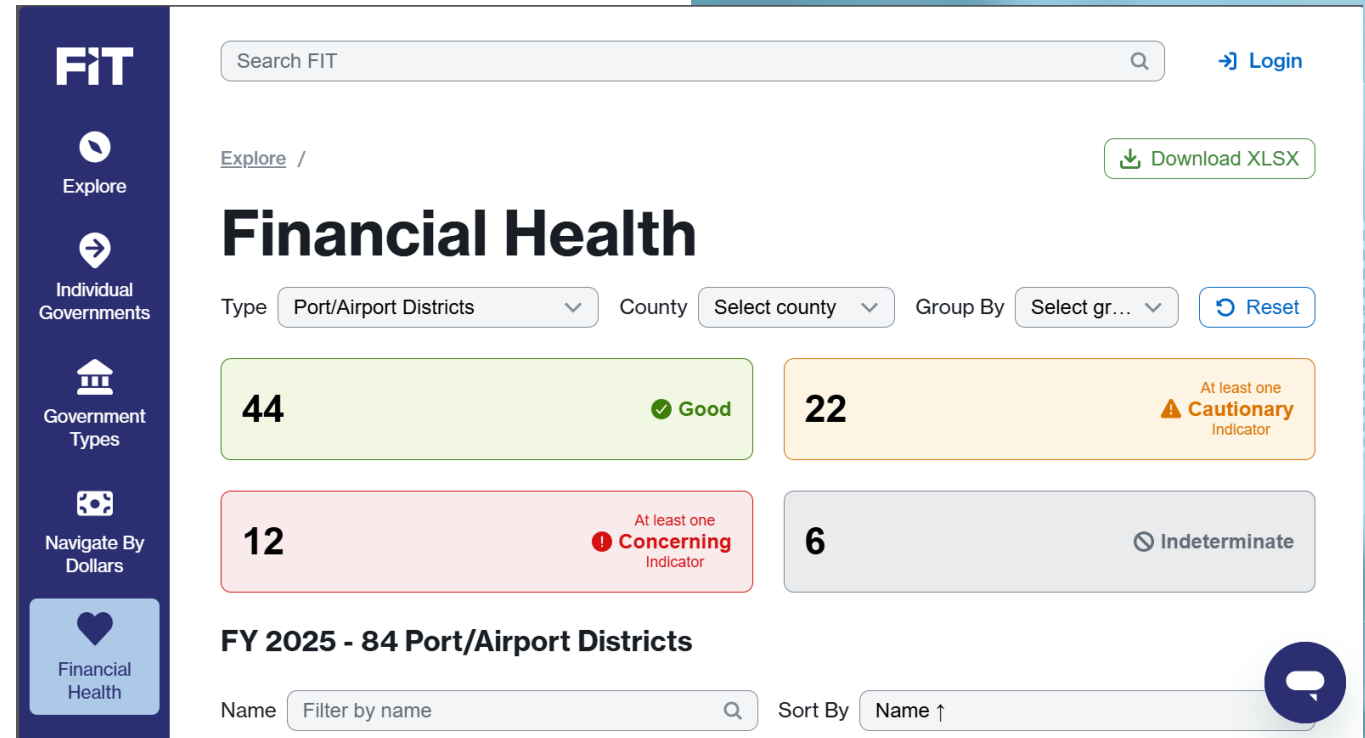
Faster audits



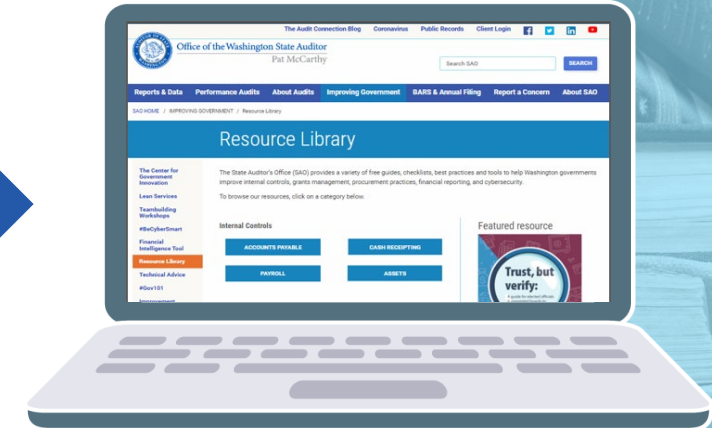
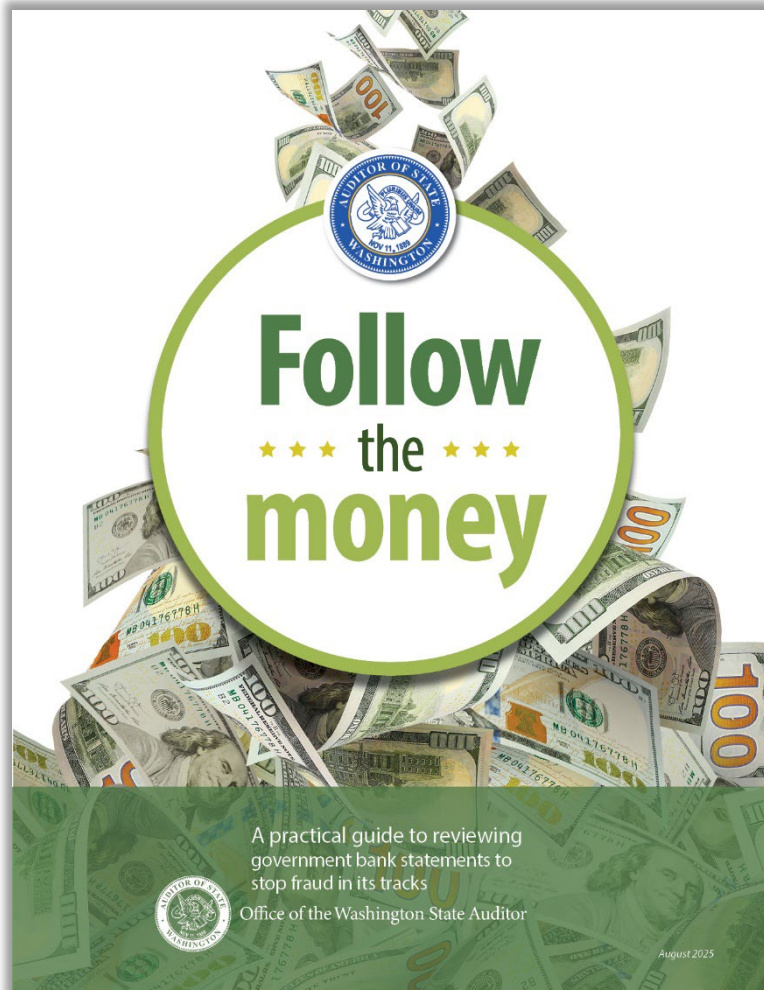


FIT provides data and information

- Clear picture of your government's overall financial health
- Indicators highlight strengths and areas needing attention
- Data that helps guide budgeting and planning decisions



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.

SAO's #BeCyberSmart program includes cyber checkups

Our cybersecurity experts can assess your government's vulnerability to common threats, and help you:

- Understand cybersecurity safeguards and why they're important
- Identify cybersecurity gaps and prioritize improvements

Checkups are fast, free and confidential.





Questions



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