# INTERNALAUDIT UPDATE

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# INTERNAL AUDIT PURPOSE, AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

#### Purpose

Provide ongoing, objective and independent review of internal controls and independent appraisals, audits, analysis and counsel related to the assessment of business risk

#### **Authority**

Internal Audit performs audit activities in conformance with:

- The Fiscal Control and Internal Auditing Act (FCIAA)
- International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing Standards (IIA Standards)
- Code of Ethics of the Institute of Internal Auditors
- State of Illinois Internal Audit Advisory Board (SIAAB)
- Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS)
- Internal Audit Charter (updated in 2020 copy provided)

#### Responsibility

#### **Review:**

- The reliability and integrity of financial and operating information
- Fiscal, operational and administrative operations
- Systems established to ensure
  compliance with policies, plans,
  procedures, laws and regulations that
  could significantly impact operations

Evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency with which resources are employed

# INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER

#### Purpose

- Accountability, authority and access
- Responsibilities
- Scope of work
- Independence
- **Reporting process**
- **Periodic assessments**



# INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIVITY

### 2020

- Two-year audit plan
- Annual certification letter
- Cycle audits
- September 30 report to the Executive Director
- Construction auditing
- External Audit coordination
- Payment Card Industry (PCI) audit coordination
- Participation in ERM and SOX programs
- Audit finding remediation support

2020 AUDIT RESULTS	
TITLE OF AUDIT	# OF FINDINGS
Administrative Support Services Cycle	3
Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting Cycle	2
Revenues and Receivables Cycle	2
Electronic Data Processing Cycle	2
Property, Equipment and Inventory Cycle	3
<b>Construction Activities Review</b>	5
Cloud and Cyber Security Audit	1
Remote Hiring Process Review	0
Ethics Training Review	0
Petty Cash (if disbursements >\$5,000)	N/A
Grants (if the Tollway receives Federal grants)	N/A

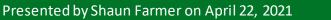
# 2021 CYCLE AUDITS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

### **2021 Cycle Audits**

- Personnel and payroll cycle
- Purchasing and procurement cycle
- Agency organization and management cycle
- Expenditures cycle
- Grant administration (if tollway receives any grants)
- Petty cash (if disbursements exceed \$5,000)

### **Other Key Audit Activities**

- Risk-based reviews
- Reviews of external parties
- Special projects, management requests and consulting engagements
- Systems reviews
- Finding remediation and resolution
- Inspector General assistance and investigations
- Training and education

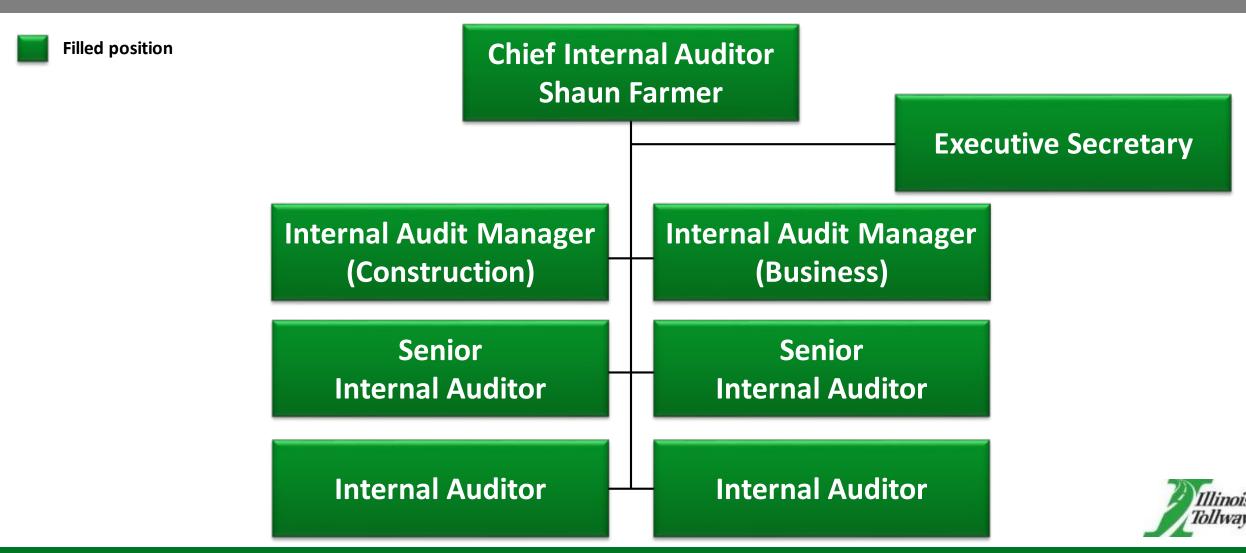


### GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF FINDINGS

- Audit observations and recommendations are addressed by management
- Responses and estimated implementation dates provided
- Internal Audit follows up on finding status monthly and annually for certification letter
- More frequent interaction and reporting is driven by automated audit software
- Monthly touch base meetings with each department
- Monthly reports and meetings with Executive Director
- Coordinated efforts with the Chief Strategy and Implementation Officer
- Monthly meetings and additional communications with the Chairman and the Audit Chair
- Support from the Board of Directors, Audit Chair and Executive Office driving results

#### INTERNAL AUDIT IS **INDEPENDENT, FREE OF OPERATIONAL DUTIES** AND **NO RESTRICTIONS ARE PLACED UPON WORK OR ACCESS**

## DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION



## CMS MASTER CONTRACT Auditing Services

### Strategy

- SOX internal control and compliance assessment
  - Gap analysis
  - Recommendations
- SOX Program implementation and testing
- SOX IT General Controls (ITGC's)
- ERP system controls evaluation
- ERM continued program support

### **Information Technology**

- Annual IT risk assessment focusing on:
  - Security
  - Availability
  - Privacy
- Comprehensive cybersecurity risk assessment
- PCI DSS compliance and readiness review

### **Internal Audit**

- Construction audit activities
- Agile audit implementation
  - Methodology and tools
  - Peer review assessment/readiness
- Accounting standards and regulations
- Business unit support for emerging operational risks

