Single Audits and Office of Airports Compliance Process

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Grant Assurances (GA)

GA #1 – General Federal Requirements

- Federal Legislation
 - X. Single Audit Act of 1984
- Federal Regulations
 - 2 CFR Part 200-Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards
 - GA #13– Accounting System, Audit and Record Keeping Requirement



What is a Single Audit?

- An audit procedure
 - Done by independent CPA firm
 - Done on non-federal entities that spend \$750,000 or more in federal funds during a fiscal year.
- Ensures these entities are using federal funds in accordance with various laws, regulations, and specific conditions of federal grants or contracts.



Audit Report Submission (§ 200.512)

- When. The earlier of 30 calendar days after receipt of the auditor's report(s) or 9 months after the end of the audit period.
- Reporting package. The reporting package must include the following:
 - Financial statements and schedule of expenditures of Federal awards discussed.
 - Summary schedule of prior audit findings.
 - Auditor's report(s).
 - Corrective action plan discussed in § 200.511(c).
- Submission to FAC. The auditee must electronically submit to the FAC the data collection form and the reporting package to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC).



Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC)

- The Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC) operates as a central repository for Single Audit reports and data. Its primary purpose is to distribute audit information to federal agencies to be used in oversight, monitoring, and management of federal awards.
- Additionally, the public can access these audit reports, promoting transparency and accountability in the use of federal funds.



Upcoming Changes to Report Filing Requirements

- The threshold for requiring a Single Audit has been raised from \$750,000 to \$1 million
- The cognizant agency for audit or oversight agency for audit may authorize an extension when the nine-month timeframe would place an undue burden on the auditee
- Scheduled for Implementation in October 2024
- (We're seeking guidance from OMB on the duration of the extension and identifying the FAA or DOT office responsible for its approval)



Role of ACO in Single Audits

- Awarding Agency Responsibilities
 - Provide technical assistance to auditees
 - Follow-up on findings to ensure auditee took appropriate and timely corrective action

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- Issue Management Decision
- Updates to Compliance Supplement Appendix XI



Auditee Responsibilities § 200.508

- Procure and arrange for the audit
- Prepare financial statements
- Prepare Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards in accordance with § 200.510 (b) (2)



Auditor's Responsibilities (§§ 200.514 - 200.520)

- Conduct Audit in Accordance with GAGAS
- Establish Auditor Objectives
- Research Federal Assistance Awards
- Test Internal Controls
- Audit Findings
 - Auditors must issue reports on financial statements, internal control over financial reporting, and compliance for major federal programs, following required formats and including findings and questioned costs



Office of Inspector General Involvement

- Oversight of FAA
- OIG Audits FAA Every 3 Years
- Quality Control Reviews of Single Audits



Remedies for Non-Compliance (§ 200.339)

- If a Non-Federal Entity Fails to Comply...
- Temporarily withhold cash payments
- Disallow activity associated with non-compliance
- Suspend or terminate the award
- Withhold further Federal Awards



CFR Resources – Where to find?

- 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart F
- Compliance Supplement (OMB)



Process

- ACO-200 will address all findings from Single Audit Reports concerning AIP grants
- Semi-annual or quarterly audit report downloads from FAC



ACO-200 Review Procedures

- Review airport sponsors' findings and their corresponding corrective action plans related to AIP grant findings
- Distribute emails to airport sponsors to request updates on the status of corrective action plans
- A 30-day response period is required



ACO-200 Review Procedures (Cont.)

- Evaluate the appropriateness of airport sponsor's responses
- Engage directly with airport sponsors to address Single Audit findings, recommendations, and corrective action plans
- Formulate and issue management decision emails upon resolution of findings
- Submit close-outs package to OIG/OST as required



Non-Response/Non-Compliance

- Issue a second email notice after 30 days of non-response
- After another 30 days of non-response, escalate to the RO for follow-up
- In case of continued failure to respond, refer to § 200.339 for applicable remedies



RO's Responsibility

- Follow-up on previously unresolved findings
- The RO will collaborate directly with airport sponsors to resolve remaining Single Audit findings
- The ACO-200 will review the close-out packages prepared by the RO
- The ACO-200 will submit close-outs to OIG/OST as necessary

