



## A-123 INVIGORATED

*Compliance shouldn't feel this good*

The need for accountability and transparency has spawned new requirements for federal financial managers. OMB's recently updated Circular A-123 is an example. More rigor is now required to ensure effective internal controls over financial reporting. This means redefining and reexamining existing controls and an emphasis on documentation, testing and continuous monitoring.

But there are challenges. First, time requirements can strain existing resources and detract from other priorities. Second, as an unfunded mandate, the cost of compliance can add up and **the real challenge becomes doing more with less.**

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MorganFranklin's risk-based approach to compliance focuses on key controls, not on documenting and testing every control. We target what's important, spending less time and money than alternative approaches. Your investment can also drive program efficiency and effectiveness. With A-123 properly implemented, you can benefit from reliable and timely information that supports better decision-making on capital expenditures, programmatic spending, resource deployment, etc. Leveraging commercial Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) best practices and a common COSO framework, you will be set up for a more cost-effective CFO Act Financial Statement audit.

### LESSONS LEARNED

You can reduce the long-term cost of compliance.

- Learn from the commercial sector – you can spend too much on compliance. Consider implementing new tools to automate monitoring and testing, and improving agency documentation and workflow.

You can increase program effectiveness.

- Leverage A-123 efforts to obtain data on performance.
- Engage the right people and share data with others who can benefit.
- Find opportunities to eliminate redundancies and costly manual work.

### WHY MORGANFRANKLIN

MorganFranklin provides comprehensive compliance, program management and audit readiness solutions. Our experience with both federal and commercial sectors results in a unique combination of talent to help you meet compliance requirements. To support A-123 compliance efforts and other needs we offer:

- Technical support for scoping, process and controls documentation, evaluation, testing and reporting
- Quality assurance and review activities
- Business process reengineering and improvement through control gap identification and remediation
- Technology solutions to reduce compliance costs
- Government IT controls evaluations under FISMA and FISCAM
- Project management support

When it comes to technically intensive, time-sensitive, high-risk and high-reward financial and risk management needs, we have earned accolades as a get-it-done partner.

### *Benefits of A-123 Invigorated:*

- Greater accountability
- Increase credibility (e.g., oversight, Congress, taxpayers)
- Reduce cost of A-123 compliance
- Improve overall Agency program efficiency effectiveness
- Obtain relevant financial data faster to make better decisions
- Identify/mitigate fraud, waste and abuse
- Improve auditability

*“Knowledge transfer is a critical part of A-123 Invigorated. We are excited when there is a transfer of ownership and responsibility for compliance. Ultimately this means working ourselves out of a job or a project. But, hey, I’m a taxpayer too, and that means we ALL save money!”*

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