

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Monitoring Spending at the Local Level


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Importance of Accountability

- High Profile
- Political
- Citizen Watchdogs
- Not Like War in Iraq or Katrina
- Fundamentally Significant
- Heavy Local Emphasis
- Significant Fraud Potential


Role of Local Auditors

- Recognized by GAO
- Testimony to Congress
- Collaboration with State Auditors
- Resource for IGs and Federal Auditors
- In-house Accountability Experts



Proactive Steps

- Single Audit
- Performance Audits
- Cyclical Audits
- Hotlines
- Continuous Monitoring
- Public Reporting



Key Challenges

- Lack of Independent Local Auditing
- Limited Resources
- Impact of Economic Downturn
- Decentralized Local Coordination
- Guidance Has Improved



Keys to Success

- Clarity on Expectation
- Communication Across Governments
- Coordination of Efforts
- Commitment to Success
- Resources
- Awareness of Limitations

Questions or Comments?

• ALGA Roundtable and Testimony
www.governmentauditors.org

• San Jose Report
www.sanjoseca.gov/auditor/AuditMemos/0695/0695M.pdf

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