



Washington State Auditor's Office

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SAO Overview

- Elected State Auditor
- Established by Constitution
- Auditor of public accounts
- More than 160 agencies and 2,150 local governments
- 41 types of governments
- 380 FTEs



Responsibilities

- State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
- State's Single (federal) Audit
- Accountability audits
- Performance audits
- Whistleblower investigations (state agencies)
- Fraud investigations (state and local)
- Local Funds Report
- Forensic computer investigations
- IT security reviews (through inter-agency agreements)



Auditing Services Revolving Account

Appropriated funding for:

- Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Audit (CAFR)
- Statewide Single Audit (SWSA)
- Accountability audits
- Whistleblower investigations

The Auditing Services Revolving Account is supported 100% through billing for state agency audit services



Accountability work

SAO approach to audits of state agencies:

- Audit work based on an agency risk assessment
- Audits to be performed at least once every four years.
- Includes Higher Education



Budget Development

- Estimated allocations are developed
 - Individual agency accountability audits are based on a risk assessment – to be audited at least once every four years
 - Whistleblower budget estimates are based on the prior three years' Whistleblower activity

- OFM is informed of proposed audit costs during budget submittal

- Legislature adjusts funding if necessary during the 1st supplemental budget based on updated work plan – separating the allocation between fiscal years.

Billing Methodology

All work is billed using an hourly billing rate multiplied by actual hours worked.

The current rate is \$82 per hour.

Accountability Audits:

Agency specific audits are billed monthly based on hours worked.

Whistleblower Investigations:

Billed monthly, based on hours worked

Financial Audit:

Billed quarterly for CAFR work based on an agency's net assets, revenues and expenditure allocation

Single Audit:

Billed quarterly for single audit work based on federal expenditure allocation



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