

Internal Control Questionnaire (ICQ) for Consulting Engineers

Name of Engineering Consultant ("the Company"):
TIN (Taxpayer Identification Number):
Headquarters Address:
Company Website:
Fiscal Year End:
This ICQ was prepared for (DOT/agency name):
Time Period Covered:
Location of Accounting Records:
- Please include the following items as attachments to this ICQ:
 FAR Part 31 Overhead Audit Report for most recent fiscal year, including audited Statement of Direct Labor, Fringe Benefits, and General Overhead (hereinafter "Indirect Cost Rate Schedule") and related reconciliation to the financial statements. Cognizant audit report or cognizant letter of concurrence from the cognizant Government agency. <i>Check here if not applicable</i>: □ Post-closing trial balance and financial statements (balance sheet, income statement, and statement of cash flows) for the most recent fiscal year. (Note: If the indirect cost rate schedule does not directly tie to the trial balance, then please provide a supplemental reconciliation schedule.) Current chart of accounts that ties to financial statements and indirect cost rate schedule. Independent Auditor's Report on financial statements and accompanying management letter. <i>Check here if not applicable</i>: □ Sample timesheet. The Company's policies for vacation and sick leave. The Company's bonus policy. Other written policies, as requested throughout this ICQ. Note: Throughout this ICQ, all references to "AASHTO Guide" pertain to the 2015 Edition of the <i>AASHTO Uniform Audit & Accounting Guide</i>.
- Please identify the Company's primary contact for accounting questions: Name: Title: Phone Number: E-mail Address: Mailing address (if different than headquarters address listed above):
A. Background Information
A.1. Year Established . When was the Company formed?
A.2. Business Form. What form of business entity is the Company?
☐ Sole Proprietorship ☐ Partnership ☐ C Corporation ☐ S Corporation ☐ Other

A.3. Parent/Subsidiary. Is the Company a subsidiary of any other company?						
☐ Yes	Yes If "yes," please explain:					
☐ No						
	rship. Does the Company own or control gh common ownership? (See AASHTO	any other company or legal entity (e.g., trust or Guide Section 8.23.B for details.)				
☐ Yes	If "yes," please explain:					
☐ No						
		r owners with greater than five percent ownership				
of the Company a	and their respective percentages of owner Table 1: Compar	•				
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c d.						
<u></u> -	many offices does the Company operate,	and where are these offices located?				
a. Number:	many offices does the Company operate,	and where are these offices located:				
b. Locations:						
U. Locations.						

currently employ?	
a. Full time: b. Part time:	
- Has this number changed in the past one-year	period?
☐ No ☐ Yes. If "yes," please	explain:
A.9. <u>Revenue Sources</u> .	
1. For most recent fiscal year, what percentage following?	of the Company's revenue was generated from each of the
a. State government:%	c. Local government:%
b. Federal government:%	d. Commercial/private:%
2. Please specify all revenues earned as either a	prime consultant or subconsultant:
a. Revenues from Government Projects:	\$
b. Revenues Other Customers:	\$
Total Company Gross Revenue:	
A.10. Contract Mix. What percentage of the Components contract types?	any's revenue was generated from each of the following
a. Lump sum:%	c. Cost plus (time and materials):%
b. Cost plus fixed fee:%	d. Other:% Please explain "Other."
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(†) FAR Part 31 is codified at 48 CFR Part 31, which is available at https://www.acquisition.gov/far/html/FARTOCP31.html.

schedule to determine costs eligible for reimbursement per FAR Part 31?
Annually Other (please specify):
- Was the most recent schedule prepared by the Company or by another entity instead (e.g., CPA firm)?
Prepared by: Internal staff External party (specify):
- Period covered by most recent indirect cost schedule:
One-year period ended December 31, 20
Other (please specify):
B.5. <u>Fraud, Abuse, and Contract Violations</u> . Is the Company's management aware of any material instances of fraud, illegal acts, abuse, or violations of contracts provisions or grant agreements?
☐ No ☐ Yes. If "yes," please explain:
B.6. Knowledge of FAR Part 31. Are appropriate personnel within the Company familiar with FAR Part 31?
Yes No. If "no," please explain:
B.7. <u>Audits/Examinations</u> . Within the past three years, has a CPA or governmental agency performed an independent audit, review, attestation, or compilation of the Company's financial data or any phase of the Company's operations?
☐ No ☐ Yes. If "yes," please complete the following (if applicable):
a. Financial Statements: Audit Review Compilation Other (please specify):
Name of CPA or Agency:
Contact:
Period Covered:
b. Overhead Rate: Audit Review Compilation Other (please specify):
- Was the overhead rate calculated in accordance with FAR Part 31?
Name of CPA or Agency:
Contact:
Period Covered:
c. Project Audits : Audit Review Compilation Other (please specify):
Name of CPA or Agency:
Contact:
Period Covered:

C. Accounting System(s)
C.1. <u>Accounting Software</u> . What type of accounting software does the Company use?
☐ Internally-developed system. ☐ Commercial system. Name of vendor:
Hybrid system. Please explain:
- Please describe any significant manual procedures used outside of the automated accounting system to record transactions:
C.2. <u>Job Costing</u> . Does the Company have a job-cost accounting system? Yes No
If "no," please explain what type of system is used to determine project costs:
C.3. <u>Integration</u> . Does the accounting general ledger interface with the job-cost ledger?
Yes No N/A (no job-cost ledger used)
a. Are billings prepared from, or reconciled to, reports generated from the Company's job-cost system?
Yes No. Please explain:
 Describe any manual procedures that occur outside of the automated accounting system to prepare billing packages.
C.4. <u>Accounting Records</u> . Which of the following types of records does the Company maintain to support financial transactions?
<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>
a. General ledger
b. Cash disbursements journal
c. Cash receipts journal
d. Job/Project-cost ledger
e. Labor distribution reports
g. Payroll registers
C.5. <u>Direct and Indirect Expenses</u> . Does the general ledger contain separate direct and indirect accounts for the following?
 a. Labor costs b. Non-labor expenses Yes No No
If "no," please explain:
C.6. Exclusion of Unallowable Costs. Does the Company have a system in place to identify and remove from the indirect cost pools all unallowable costs, in accordance with per FAR Part 31 and applicable Cost Accounting Standards? (See AASHTO Guide, Sections 2.2, 4.4, 5.2, 5.5, and 6.3.)
No. Please explain:
Yes. If "yes," please answer a through c, below.
a. Please provide details about the system.
b. How are appropriate personnel trained to distinguish between allowable and unallowable costs?
c. When does the primary review for allowability occur—at time the transaction is recorded, or later?

C.13. <u>Project-Specific Indirect Cost Rate(s)</u> . Does the Company have any special, project-specific indirect corates negotiated with a State DOT?
☐ No ☐ Yes. If "yes," please explain, and list the States that use these rates:
D. Information Technology (IT) Systems
D.1. <u>IT Policies</u> . Does the firm have written IT system policies concerning the following topics? (If "yes," please provide a copy.)
a. Hardware/Software <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>
 Purchasing Inventory Maintenance Access Use of In-house and off-site Addition and removal/retirement/disposition of Business Continuation Plan Security Protocol Activation and deactivation of employees upon hiring or termination
D.2. <u>IT Risk Assessment</u> . Has the Company's management conducted an IT system risk assessment within the past three years?
☐ Yes ☐ No
D.3. <u>IT Security Review</u> . Are system security and application access logs enabled and reviewed periodically?
☐ Yes ☐ No
Comment:
D.4. <u>IT Electronic Data Safeguards</u> . If documents are retained in electronic format, are they stored in a format that cannot easily be modified, removed, or replaced, and does a mechanism/audit trail exist to track all succevents?
☐ Yes ☐ No
Comment:

E. Accounting – Payroll and Timekeeping
E.1. <u>Payroll Service</u> . Does the Company use an external payroll service?
☐ No ☐ Yes. If "yes," please specify:
E.2. Pay Cycle. What is the Company's standard pay cycle?
☐ Bi-weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ 1st & 15th ☐ Other (please specify):
If the Company uses more than one pay cycle, please explain:
E.3. Payroll Register. Does the payroll register include the following data?
Yes No
a. Employee Name.
Comments:
E.4. <u>Timekeeping System</u> .
a. Does the Company use an electronic timekeeping system?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- If "yes," please provide an explanation of its operation, or provide system documentation:
b. Are all employees, including managers and owners/principals, responsible for signing their own timesheets?
☐ Yes ☐ No
If "no," please explain:
c. Are all employee timesheets approved by supervisors?
☐ Yes ☐ No
If "no," please explain:
d. Is there a certification and approval process required for all time worked by owners and principal
☐ Yes ☐ No
If "no," then how is time accounted for and billed to projects?
e. How are timesheet coding errors detected and corrected?
f. How do timesheets identify work performed outside an agreement's original scope of services?

F. Labor Cost Accumulation

F.1. <u>Direct & Indirect Labor</u> . Do the Company's timesheets include reporting codes for both direct and indirect hours? (See AASHTO Guide, Chapter 6.)
☐ Yes ☐ No
 If "yes," do all employees, including managers and principals, record direct and indirect time on their timesheets?
- If "no," then please explain the method used to segregate direct and indirect labor hours
F.2. Work Week. Please list the Company's normal hours of business operation (normal work week):
F.3. <u>Uncompensated Overtime</u> (see AASHTO Guide, Section 5.4). Does the Company record all hours worked by all employees, including managers and principals, regardless of whether the employees are exempt from overtime pay or whether all direct labor hours are billed to specific contracts?
No. If "no," please explain:
Yes. If "yes," which of the following methods does the Company use to account for <i>uncompensated overtime</i> —the hours worked without additional compensation in excess of an average of 40 hours per week by direct-charge employees who are exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act?
Effective Rate Method. Please explain:
Salary Variance Method. Please explain. (E.g., What was the total dollar amount of the salary/payroll variance for the year?): \$
Other. Please explain:
F.4. Contract Modifications/Time Tracking. How does the Company segregate work performed under a basic agreement/contract from work performed for contract changes/modifications?

G. Labor Billings and Project Costing G.1. Billing Rates. Please describe how billing rates are determined, or attach the Company's billing-rate policy. Description: Billing-rate policy attached. **G.2. Premium Overtime.** Does the Company pay overtime at a premium to any employees? Yes No - If "yes," a. What premium rate is paid, and what categories of employees are eligible for this rate? Time-and-a-half for all non-exempt employees. Other. Please explain: b. How is the overtime premium accounted for and billed? As part of direct labor, and overhead is applied. As an Other Direct Cost (no overhead applied). As an indirect labor cost (included in the indirect cost rate). Other. Please explain: G.3. Allocation of Overtime Costs. Are overtime costs allocated to contracts consistently, regardless of the type of contract (lump sum versus actual cost) or customer (government versus commercial)? Yes No. If "no," please explain: _____ G.4. Cost Allocation versus Billing. If the Company pays a principal or an employee at a rate in excess of a contract's maximum hourly labor rate, where will the excess cost be allocated/charged? _____ **G.5.** Contract/Purchased Labor. Does the Company invoice/bill contract labor directly to any customers? Yes No N/A - If "yes," please complete the following: Contract labor is billed— ☐ As part of direct labor, and overhead is applied. As an Other Direct Cost (no overhead applied). Other. Please explain: _____

H. Expense Accumulation and Billing

			Costs (Other ce as direct ex		ts). Beside	s labor, what t	type of costs	does the	Company	
	receive	d for direct	costs?			ost pool reliev	ved/reduced	for credits	s/reimburse	ements
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	design/ - If	build efforts Yes \[\] \[\]	i? Io			tipend from ar				
			Cost Items. Hand "I," if appl		ollowing co	ost items accor	unted for and	d billed?		
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		llable Costs osts recorde		e accounting t	treatment f	for direct costs	s not billable	to clients	s. (Where/h	ow are
		<mark>rization</mark> . Ho authorizatio		ompany ensu	are that cos	sts are not bille	ed to Govern	iment pro	jects prior t	0
H.7.		Yes N	ore the vehicle	s leased or ov		s to employees	s for business	s purpose:	s?	
	b.	Identify th		er of vehicles	owned or	leased by the	company.			
	c.	Yes			vehicles? I	f "no," please	explain belo	w.		

	d. Is mileage separated by direct and indirect classifications, and is mileage incurred in connection with unallowable activities tracked? Yes No
	Explanation:
	e. What recovery/billing rate is used for Company vehicle mileage reimbursement?
	\$per mile.
	Explanation:
	f. How was the rate developed?
H.8. <u>Co</u>	omputer Expenses. Are the Company's computer expenses incurred as a result of (select one):
a.	☐ Outside Services? ☐ Company ownership? ☐ Both?
b.	Does the Company compute a charge rate for computers?
	- If "yes," what is the rate?
	- How was the rate developed?
c.	Is computer usage segregated by direct and indirect classifications? Yes No
d.	Are computer usage logs maintained and coded by job/project? Yes No
H.9. <u>Pr</u>	inting and Reproduction Costs. How are printing and reproduction expenses treated?
	- In House:
	- Outside vendor: Direct cost Indirect cost Combination of direct and indirect
	If you marked "combination of both," please explain:
a.	For in-house services, are usage logs maintained and coded by job/project?
	☐ Yes ☐ No
b.	Is usage segregated by direct and indirect classifications?
	☐ Yes ☐ No
c.	If these costs are incurred through the use of an outside vendor, are the invoices coded by job/project when received?
	☐ Yes ☐ No
H.10. <u>T</u>	<u>'elephone Costs</u> . How is the expense for telephone service recorded and billed?
	☐ Direct cost ☐ Indirect cost ☐ Combination of direct and indirect
	If you marked "combination of direct and indirect," please explain below:
_	Does the Company maintain a telephone log to record toll calls? Yes No
	Are the calls job-coded by direct and indirect classifications?

- H.11. Activities Ineligible for Cost Reimbursement. Did any of the Company's employees engage in activities for lobbying, advertising, public relations, charity, and/or entertainment?
 - If "yes," please list the employees who engaged in these activities, and describe how the associated costs were tracked and accounted for in relation to the submitted indirect cost rate.

Table 2: Unallowable Activities

Employee Name or ID & Title/Classification:	Activities:	Accounting Treatment:

I. Compensation for Owners and Employees

1.1.	<u>D01</u>	tuses.
	a.	Did the Company pay, or accrue for, bonuses earned by owners or employees during the period covered by the latest indirect cost rate schedule?
		Yes No
		- If "yes," were the bonuses included in the submitted overhead rate?
		- Was any portion of these bonuses excluded from the submitted overhead rate? \square Yes \square No \square N/A
		Comment:
	b.	Does the Company have a written bonus plan?
		Yes. Please provide a copy of the plan.
		☐ No. Please describe how bonuses are determined and how this is communicated to employees
	c.	Are all employees eligible for the bonuses? Yes No. If "no," please explain:
I.2.	eva	cutive Compensation . Has the Company, an independent CPA, or compensation consultant performed an luation of executive compensation for <i>reasonableness</i> in accordance with FAR 31.205-6? (See AASHTO ide Section 7.5.)
		Yes No
	- If	f "yes," describe the methodology used and how this process has been documented:

J. Related-Party Transactions

J.1. Related Employees. Please provide the following information for all employees who are related to the parties listed in the Ownership Table (Table 1) shown in A.5:

Table 3: Employees Related to Company Owners

	Name or ID:		Title/Position:	Wages/Salary:	Bonus:	Other Compensation:	Total Compensation:
1	Total Hours Worked During Year:	Job Duties: Related to: How Related (e.g., spouse, parent, child, sibl	\$ ing, in law):	\$	\$	\$
2	Total Hours Worked During Year:	Job Duties: Related to: How Related:		\$	\$	\$	\$
3	Total Hours Worked During Year:	Job Duties: Related to: How Related:		\$	\$	\$	\$
4	Total Hours Worked During Year:	Job Duties: Related to: How Related:		\$	\$	\$	\$
5	Total Hours Worked During Year:	Job Duties: Related to: How Related:		\$	\$	\$	\$
6	Total Hours Worked During Year:	Job Duties: Related to: How Related:		\$	\$	\$	\$
7	Total Hours Worked During Year:	Job Duties: Related to: How Related:		\$	\$	\$	\$
8	Total Hours Worked During Year:	Job Duties: Related to: How Related:		\$	\$	\$	\$

	Name or ID:		Title/Position:	Wages/Salary:	Bonus:	Other Compensation:	Total Compensation:
9	Total Hours Worked During Year:	Job Duties: Related to: How Related:		\$	\$	\$	\$
10	Total Hours Worked During Year:	Job Duties: Related to: How Related:		\$	\$	\$	\$

J.2. Related Vendors. Please provide the following information for all vendors related to the parties listed in the Ownership Table (Table 1) shown in A.5:

Table 4: Vendors Related to Company Owners

Name:	Contact Information:	How Related:	Products/Services Provided:	Total Payments During Year:
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1.3. Property or Facilities Leased from Related Parties. Does the Company rent or lease property and/or facilities from another entity (organization or individual)?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- If "yes,"
a. Are any of the Company's owners/stockholders, or members of their immediate family, also owners/stockholders of the other entity?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- If "yes," please explain:
b. Have the rental/lease costs been adjusted to the property owner's actual costs?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- If "yes," what basis was used to determine actual cost? (E.g., the property owner's tax return less interest expense, plus cost of money). Description:
J.4. Other Related-Party Transactions. Did the Company engage in any transactions with related parties other than those listed and described in J.1 through J.3?
☐ No ☐ Yes. If "yes," please complete Table 5:
Table 5: Other Related-Party Transactions

Table 3. Other Related 1 arty Transactions						
Name:	Contact Information:	How Related:	Products/Services Provided:	Total Payments During Year:		
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K. Other Questions

X.1. Life Insurance . Does the Company pay life insurance for officers/principals?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- If "yes,"
(a) Have any costs associated with this life insurance been included on the indirect cost rate schedule?
Yes – total amount: No
(b) Please identify the beneficiary of the life insurance:
☐ Company/surviving partners ☐ Officer/principal's family
Other (specify)
(c) Please identify the type(s) of the life insurance:
☐ Term ☐ Whole life ☐ Universal life ☐ Endowments (annuities)
Accidental death Other (please specify):
C.2. <u>Suspension or Debarment</u> . Has the Company, its parent, subsidiary, or any owner, stockholder, officer, partner, or employee of the Company been suspended or debarred from doing business by any State or the Federal government?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- If "yes," please provide complete details:
C.3. <u>Updates for Changes to FAR Part 31</u> . Does the Company have an existing process designed to provide timely updates to company policies and procedures to accommodate changes in the FAR Subpart 31.2 cost principles?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- If "yes," please describe the process:
K.4. <u>Risk Assessment</u> . Does the Company have a process for assessing risks that may result from changes in cost accounting systems or processes?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- If "yes," please describe the process. How are risks identified and addressed?
K.5. <u>Communications of FHWA/DOT Requirements</u> . How does information flow from the FHWA/State DOT to appropriate management personnel? (E.g., How are relevant updates to State DOT procedures or Federal Regulations disseminated to project managers and accounting personnel?)

I certify that to the best of my knowledg above-named Company's cost accounting	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	e and accurate representation of the
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Typed or Printed Name		
Signature		Date Completed

<u>Note</u>: The representations on this ICQ were made by, and are the responsibility of, the Company's management.

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