

Risk Management and Compliance Solutions

In the wake of recent, highly publicized accounting scandals, federal managers are feeling increased pressure from oversight organizations, Congress, and the public to increase fiscal accountability. Recently, the federal government reexamined its internal control requirements in light of the passage of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (SOX), which served as the impetus for publicly held companies to reevaluate their internal financial control policies and related responsibilities. The result of this reexamination was an Office of Management and Budget (OMB) revision of Circular No. A-123 (A-123) in 2004 to strengthen requirements for federal agencies' assessment of internal controls over financial reporting. The revised A-123 requires agencies to improve the reliability of financial reporting, comply with applicable laws and regulations, and increase the efficiency and effectiveness of their operations.

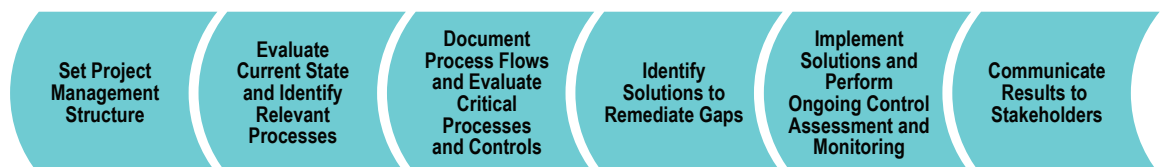
Benefit From Booz Allen's Risk Management and Compliance Expertise

Booz Allen Hamilton, a strategy and technology consulting firm, can help your organization comply with A-123 requirements. As organizational management moves toward implementing a comprehensive approach to address these requirements, we can help by incorporating fresh perspectives and lessons learned from our years of experience providing internal controls services to federal clients. Our experienced professionals have a thorough understanding and hands-on working knowledge of federal financial management requirements and processes for implementing proper controls for your financial operations. We combine our knowledge base and a structured methodology for evaluating internal controls, supported by a host of automated tools that can be rapidly deployed to monitor, reduce, or eliminate errors, misuse, and potential fraud. Our services help clients reduce financial discrepancies, losses, and workflow inefficiencies.

Booz Allen provides services to address business and technology risks associated with ineffective management and internal controls. We have a successful track record of helping federal clients address risk management and compliance nationwide. Our risk management and compliance support can help your organization:

- Identify risk by employing a holistic view of risk and related risk mitigation strategies
- Develop and evaluate internal control systems to address financial and operational risk
- Assess internal controls over financial reporting
- Optimize business process controls
- Comply with laws and regulations
- Remediate internal control deficiencies
- Measure and manage operational and technology-related risks within organizations, including systems and processes

Services and Approach



About Booz Allen

Booz Allen Hamilton has been at the forefront of management consulting for businesses and governments for more than 90 years. Providing consulting services in strategy, operations, organization and change, and information technology, Booz Allen is the one firm that helps clients solve their toughest problems, working by their side to help them achieve their missions. Booz Allen is committed to delivering results that endure.

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Risk Management and Compliance Solutions

Our risk management and compliance services include cost-effective, end-to-end internal controls solutions with continual program management oversight. Specifically, we:

- Provide fundamental compliance support, such as business process documentation, internal control gap assessments, controls testing, and remediation
- Support the development of critical control system components, such as policies, procedures, and control monitoring mechanisms
- Design risk management strategies that fit the needs of the client, including stabilizing clients' traditional risk management platforms and helping clients move toward enterprise risk management or enterprise resilience
- Apply proven decision analysis methods to support prioritization of key controls and mitigation of weaknesses

Booz Allen also offers automated tools and solutions to facilitate management, analysis, and internal and external reporting of the compliance and financial reporting processes, including:

- Business Process Management (BPM) based solutions that eliminate manual and paper-based processes and implement efficient business workflows to help automate monitoring of internal control and compliance reporting
- Linkage to a sustainable eXtensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL) capability to facilitate greater efficiency, improved accuracy, and reliability for all parties supplying or using financial data

Our portfolio of management capabilities also includes planning and decision analysis, resource deployment strategies and solutions, and earned value management.

Success Stories

Clients in the federal sector have used Booz Allen's robust risk management and compliance capabilities to successfully manage risk and comply with federal initiatives.

US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Booz Allen directly supported EPA management's responsibility to document, assess, test, and report on the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting. Our work involved evaluating internal controls across all components of EPA (regions and headquarters), including documenting key business processes, evaluating control design, testing the effectiveness of key controls, and assisting with reporting on the internal control environment.

US Department of Agriculture (USDA). Booz Allen helped the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) and the Office of Procurement and Property Management (OPPM) comply with the department-wide A-123 initiative. In this effort, we identified relevant risks, key controls, and control gaps and tested the effectiveness of controls to ensure their adequate design. Booz Allen also offered management practical recommendations to address control gaps.