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In 2008 the Office of the Legislative Auditor piloted a new planning approach for assessing information technology general and application controls for State entities.

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Institutions were audited using the pilot in 2008.

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Based on the results from the pilot, the planning approach will be refined for continued use in 2009.

QUESTION

Are You Ready?



A Significant Shift

The approach represents a significant shift from past practices.

The approach is

- more thorough
- evidence based
- derived from national standards
- requires focused interaction between IT, end-user stakeholders, and specialized IT auditors

The approach recognizes

- the increased importance IT plays in an organization's delivery of services
- the integrity of those services
- formality in the methods and processes used to manage IT resources.
- the need for explicit alignment with business goals and objectives
- the interdependence between the end-user community and IT in delivering services to its customers.

Results of the audit become part of the overall audit report issued by OLA for the institution.

So. . . Are You Ready?



Be Prepared

To help prepare you and your institution, Ms. Yvonne Rheams, Information Technology Auditing Manager with the OLA, will speak at the CISD February 2009 meeting.

Ms. Rheams will give insights into,

- Requirements for the OLA office as a whole to do IT audits (auditing standards, etc.)
- Changes in the OLA IT audit department and approach
- How are entities chosen for IT audits
- Planning and scoping an IT audit
- Approach to the audit and basic parts of an IT audit (things they ask about and areas they cover)
- If/How the issues found during the audit are reported



Get The Questions AND Answers

Ms. Rheams will provide the current version of the audit tool used for initial evaluation of an institution's IT general and application controls.

So, now you'll have the questions and the answers.



It Affects Everyone

Remember, the new audit approach affects the organization as a whole. Members of IT *AND* the end-user community will be interviewed. IT *AND* associated application end-user processes may be evaluated.

As such, CISD extends an invitation for members in the business operation areas of your institution to attend this event.



Don't Miss It

When: February 3, 1:30pm

Location: Department of Social Services
Iberville Building
627 N. Fourth St.
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Rooms 1-125 & 1-127

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Click [Map](#) for location and driving directions.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Registration: For meeting logistical purposes, we ask that you please register all attendees for the event at the [CISD](#) site