



External Audit Plan Fiscal Year 2026- Baker Tilly

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Planning Presentation to Board of Directors

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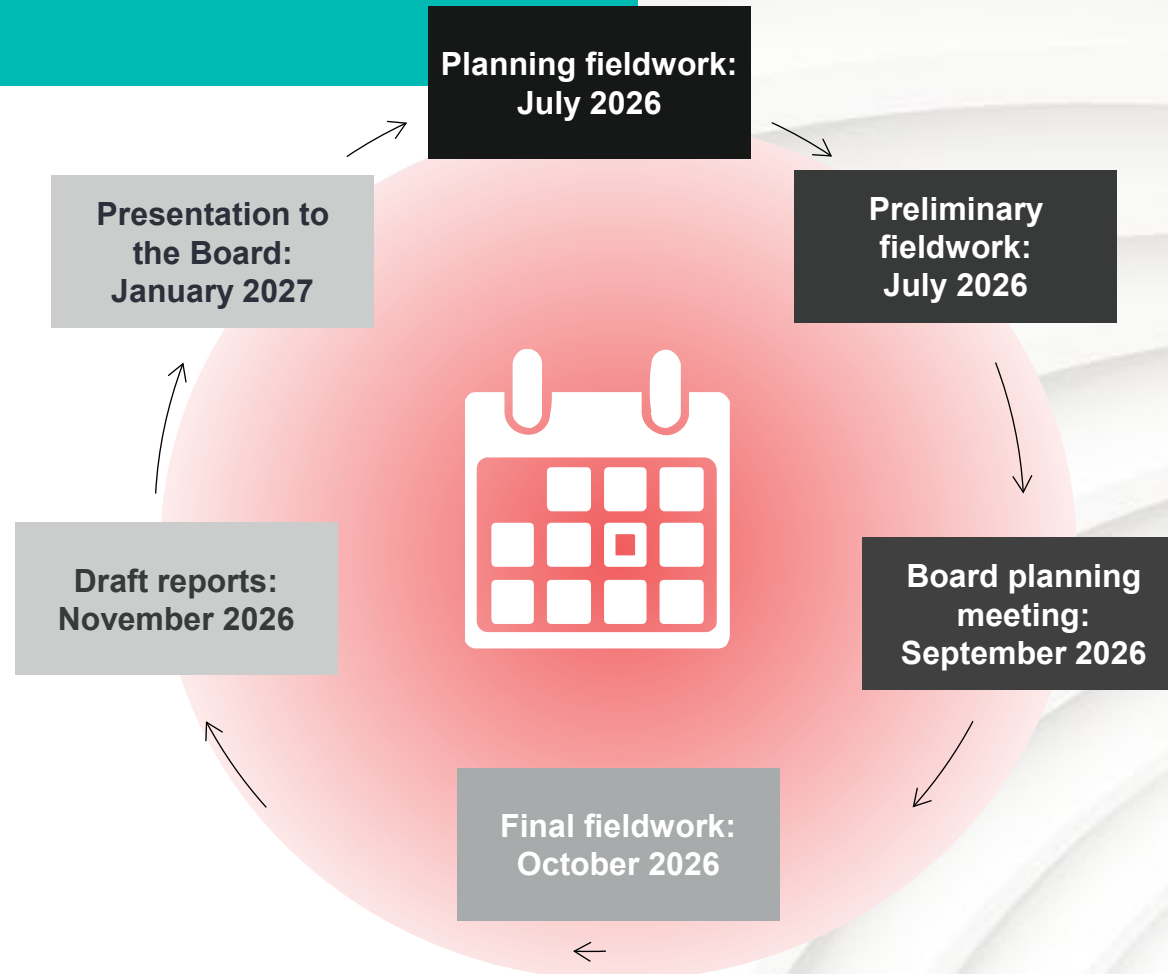
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Scope

Deliverable 1	Deliverable 2	Deliverable 3
Audit of the financial statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. We will perform the financial statement audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) in order to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance that Brazos River Authority's (the Authority's) basic financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.	Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with <i>Government Auditing Standards</i>	Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal and Major State Program and Report on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance, if applicable.



Audit timeline



Required communication

Audit planning considerations

- Approach to assessing risks of material misstatement
- Approach to internal control
 - We do not express an opinion on effectiveness of internal control
- Materiality
- We communicate with management, unless otherwise directed

Review of engagement letters

- Management and governing board responsibilities
 - Responsibility for appropriateness and quality of accounting policies and practices
 - Responsibility for identifying government programs and ensuring compliance with federal regulations
- Auditor responsibilities
 - Form and express opinions on financial statements
 - Reporting on other information included in the financial statements

Required communication

Other items for consideration:

- Independent with respect to the BRA
- We ask the Board for input on any audit matters
- Board input does not change our responsibility as the auditor to determine the overall audit strategy and the audit plan, including the nature, timing, and extent of procedures necessary
- Use of specialists
- Significant risks:
 - Improper revenue recognition due to fraud
 - Management override of controls



Required communication

Consideration of fraud:

Under AICPA audit standards we are required to make inquiries of management, and those charged with governance to obtain their views about the risk of fraud and how those risks are addressed. Questions we must ask include:

- Does the Board or Management have knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud?
- Were any items reported under the Organization's whistleblower policy in the past year?
- What are the Board's and Management's views about the risks of fraud within the Organization and grant compliance (any areas of concern or focus)?
- Are there any matters that the members of the Board or Management believe warrant attention by the auditors?



Areas of audit emphasis



Areas of audit emphasis:

Federal & State Award Programs Audit (if required)

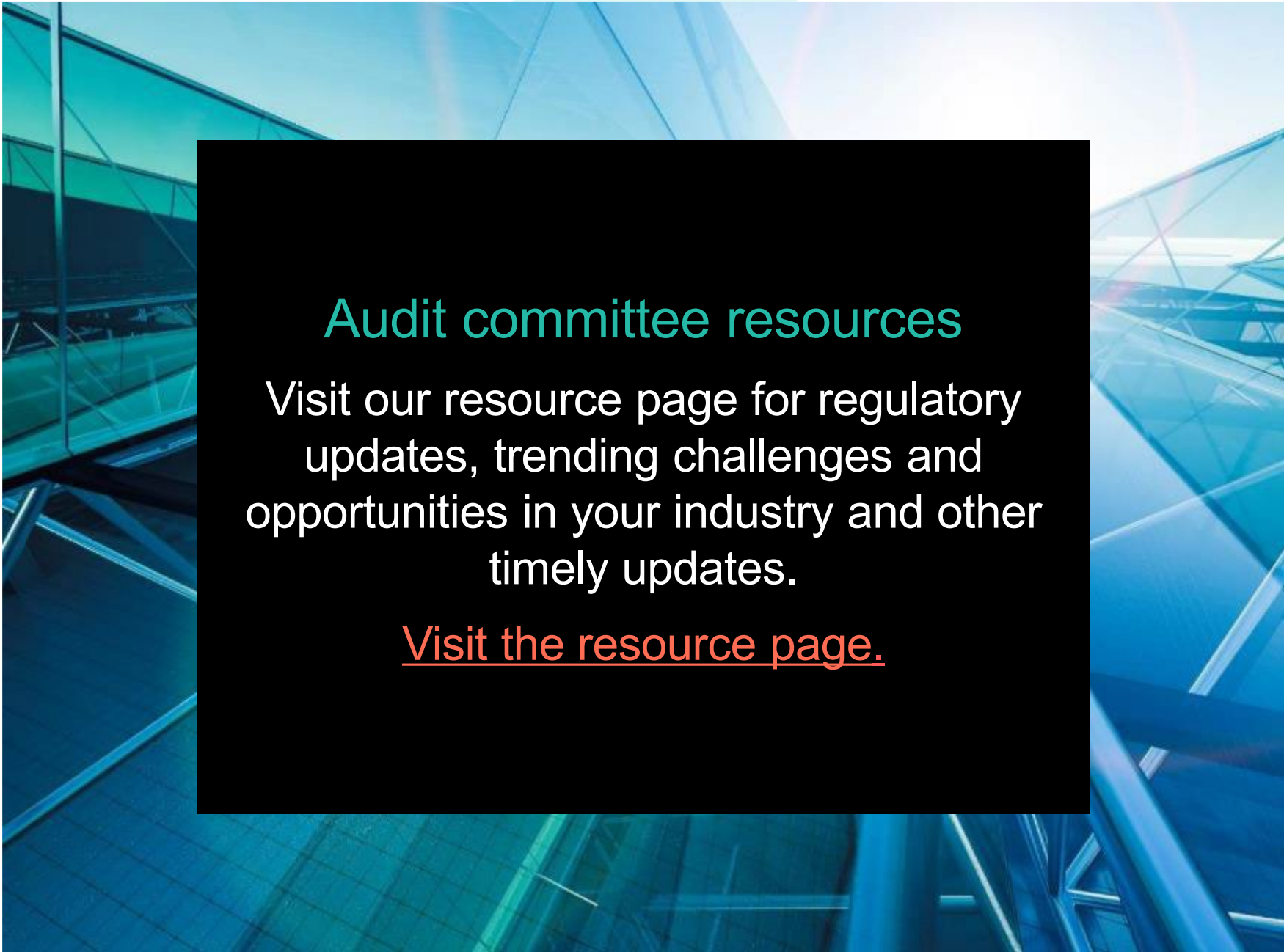
- Major programs
- Sample sizes are determined by higher risk areas, likelihood of fraud, likelihood of error, or prior noncompliance.
- Test of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

The OMB Compliance Supplement is typically released annually, in July for the preceding fiscal year. Therefore, based on fieldwork dates, revisions to tests of compliance may be necessary.



Audit plan

Planning and interim fieldwork	Final fieldwork	Audit completion
— Establish materiality level — Update internal controls evaluation and testing — Review board minutes — Identify, assess and respond to risk of material misstatement — Update permanent file — Perform other procedures as considered appropriate	— Procedures will be based on analysis of controls and risks identified at interim work — Substantive tests • Cash and investments • Property and equipment • Expenditures • Compliance — Audit financial statements and footnotes provided by management	— Review draft of financial statements — Draft other deliverables — Obtain attorney's response letters, if applicable — Review management's evaluation of subsequent events — Obtain management representation letter — Meet with management and Board of Directors



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