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### **Executive Summary**

As part of the Fiscal Year 2017 Internal Audit plan, Internal Audit (IA) performed a review of open audit recommendations from prior audit reports to verify the implementation status reported by management. Open recommendations from the following audits were evaluated:

- 2010 Contracts Audit
- 2013 Toll Revenue Audit
- 2014 Maintenance & Safety Plan Audit
- 2015 Intelligent Transportation Security (ITS) Systems Security Review
- 2016 Contracts Audit
- 2016 ROW Legal Counsel Procurement & Invoice Audit
- 2016 Toll Revenue Audit
- 2017 Public Records Review

Internal Audit last reviewed the status of open audit recommendations in August 2016. Results were reported to the Audit Committee at that time.

This review was completed as of January 2017, and consisted of meetings with management to determine the status of open audit recommendations and performing testing of management's response and status. In addition, only those recommendations that remained open at the time of the last review have been included in this report. If a recommendation was completed as of August 31, 2016, no further work was performed and the recommendation was not included for review in this report.

Internal Audit did not include or follow-up on the recommendation and management action plan from the 2015 Sensitive Data Review. The management action plan was to move the sensitive data identified to an appropriate location or to delete the data. Confirmation that sensitive data was moved or deleted would require an additional project and re-scan of selected systems with a data loss prevention (DLP) tool.

Testing performed included inquiry with the employees responsible for completing the recommendations and obtaining documentation evidence to confirm management's reported status and explanation. In instances where the evidence obtained did not agree with management's status, discussions with management were held and the differences were resolved.

There were no instances where management and Internal Audit did not come to an agreement on the status of a recommendation.

## **Recommendations Summary**

| Audit  | Open as of<br>August 31, 2016 | New<br>Recommendations | Completed as of<br>January 15, 2017 | In Progress as of<br>January 15, 2017* | Past Due |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|----------|
| 2010 Contracts Audit   | 1                             | 0                      | 1                                   | 0                                      | 0        |
| 2013 Toll Revenue Audit  | 1                             | 0                      | 0                                   | 1                                      | 1        |
| 2014 Maintenance & Safety Plan   | 1                             | 0                      | 1                                   | 0                                      | 0        |
| 2015 Intelligent Transportation Security (ITS) Systems Security Review | 2                             | 0                      | 1                                   | 1                                      | 1        |
| 2016 Contracts Audit   | 1                             | 0                      | 1                                   | 0                                      | 0        |
| 2016 ROW Legal Counsel Procurement & Invoice Audit                     | 1                             | 0                      | 1                                   | 0                                      | 0        |
| 2016 Toll Revenue Audit  | 1                             | 0                      | 0                                   | 1                                      | 1        |
| 2017 Public Records Review   | 0                             | 8                      | 2                                   | 6                                      | 0        |
| Total  | 8                             | 8                      | 7                                   | 9                                      | 3        |

<sup>\*9</sup> recommendations are classified as "In Progress." 3 of these recommendations are considered "Past Due."

### **Summary of Past Due Management Action Plans**

| # | Audit   | Internal Audit Recommendation  | Management Action Plan  | Responsible Party                                     | Summary of Status as of<br>January 15, 2017   | Due Date   |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| 1 | 2013 Toll Revenue<br>Audit  | 6. b) The Authority should also consider automating certain aspects of the Attendant's Shift Record log by integrating the unusual occurrence, violations, and insufficient fund transactions within the MLT system. This would reduce the subjectivity of the FTS auditor's interpretation of the manual ASR log.   | function in the planned Toll System Replacement project that is currently ongoing at this time. The   | David Wynne, Director of<br>Toll Operations           | Per discussion with David Wynne, Director of Toll Operations, this recommendation will be implemented as a function in the planned Toll System Replacement (TSR) project. The work is in progress with Transcore and the first go-live date is scheduled for April 2017 in the Coral Hills plaza group based on the current status of the project.  | Original: 7/1/15  Revised: 4/30/16  Revised: 1/31/17  Revised: 4/30/17   |
| 2 | 2015 Intelligent<br>Transportation Security<br>(ITS) Systems Security<br>Review | 7. Deploy a log aggregation tool to the environment.   | ITS will research the feasibility of including this functionality into the current logging system "What's up Gold".  Update July 21, 2015: Research complete. Implementation of Secure Information and Event Management solution pending upcoming organizational changes. | Corey Quinn, Chief of<br>Technology/Operations        | Per discussion with Bryan Homayouni, Manager of Traffic Operations, IT is in process of making improvements to the logging process. Therefore, additional time is required to complete the action plan.   | Original:<br>6/30/15<br>Revised:<br>12/31/15<br>Revised:<br>6/30/16<br>Revised:<br>3/31/17<br>Revised:<br>11/30/17 |
| 3 | 2016 Toll Revenue<br>Audit  | We recommend that the Authority purchase new surveillance equipment that is compatible with its current operating system and allows for 30 days storage of surveillance data, at minimum, for retrieval as needed. We recommend that footage be recorded in digital format and maintained for a period of at least two weeks to one month based on leading practices. Additionally, the Authority should consider assigning the responsibility of periodic monitoring of the security cameras to EGIS to be performed at least weekly in order to improve monitoring of the mailroom and counting room where checks, cash, and money orders get processed. | The Authority will procure and deploy the needed equipment and EGIS will perform monitoring of the cameras at least weekly. The procurement of the system will be included in an upcoming camera installation project   | Fred Nieves, Manager of E-<br>PASS & Plaza Operations | Per discussion with Fred Nieves, Manager of E-PASS & Plaza Operations, and Mahmood Haq, Information Security Manager, procurement of cameras for use throughout the Authority's facilities to enhance security is being planned by the IT department. The cameras for the call center mail room and counting room will be included in this procurement. The work is currently scheduled to take place at the end of spring or early summer, so the due date was revised to accomodate the current project plan. | Original:<br>12/31/16<br>Revised:<br>3/31/17<br>Revised:<br>7/31/17  |

# **Appendix A**

**Recommendations Detail** 

## Contracts Audit January 2011 Recommendations Status of Recommendations

| Internal Audit Observation  | Internal Audit Recommendation | Management Response   | Management Action Plan | Responsible Party  | Management Status at<br>January 15, 2017 | Testing Results   | Due Date  | IA Evaluation of<br>Management's Status |
|---|-------------------------------|---|------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|
| 7. Account Adjustment Approval Limits in TRIMS: Section IV B in the scope of services section of the ACS contract indicates that personal E-PASS account adjustments over \$200 and commercial E-PASS account adjustments in excess of \$500 must be approved by an ACS manager in TRIMS. Currently, TRIMS is not configured to prevent the approval of adjustments to personal E-PASS accounts in excess of \$200 by CSC Supervisors. Internal Audit obtained all adjustments processed in TRIMS between August 1, 2009 and September 30, 2010 and noted that 93 of 140 adjustments to private accounts between \$200 and \$500 were approved in TRIMS by CSC Supervisors instead of a manager, as required.  As a mitigating control, ACS indicated that all adjustments are reviewed by the Financial Analyst and Accounting Assistant, with the exception of voids, which should only be approved by CSC Managers in TRIMS. However, Internal Audit noted that 482 of 587 void adjustments were approved in TRIMS by CSC Supervisors.  Furthermore, a CSC Manager or CSC Supervisor enters their PIN in TRIMS to approve adjustments; however, PINs are never changed which may result in the sharing of PINs between employees.  Data analytics were performed related to the approval of adjustments in excess of \$200 to personal E-PASS accounts and \$500 to commercial E-PASS accounts and no adjustments were identified for additional followup; however, the strengthening of the controls related to the review and approval of adjustments in TRIMS may reduce the risk of fraud. | regular basis by the system). | The Authority concurs that moving to a password based approval is in its best interest. However, the change to a password based approval key would be a fairly significant change to the existing system. The current system is currently being reviewed for replacement as part of the Toll System Replacement (TSR) project Making these changes now may be waste of valuable IT resources if the current system were to be disposed of in the near term. Based on the outcome of the TSR project the Authority would make this change as a part of a newly procured system or would be developed and implemented in the existing system once it was determined that we would be retaining the existing system. |                        | Mahmood Haq,<br>Information<br>Security Manager;<br>David Wynne,<br>Director of Toll<br>Operations | Complete                                 | Per discussion with David Wynne, Director of Toll Operations, and Mahmood Haq, Information Security Manager, IT implemented the password requirement to the production environment in November 2016. The password requirement was implmented for the TRIMS, TRAILS, SCWeb, VESWeb, and IVR applications. Internal Audit obtained e-mail correspondence from Nancy Ippolito, Senior Business Analyst, to CFX personnel notifying CFX of the system outage associated with deploying the change and that Supervisors and Managers must now use their EA Login password when approving Adjustments in TRIMS. Additionally, Internal Audit obtained TRIMS screenshots from Mahmood Haq, Information Security Manager, as evidence of the password implementation and requirements for regular password changes within the system. | Original:<br>12/31/13<br>Revised:<br>12/31/15<br>Revised:<br>3/31/16<br>Revised:<br>9/30/16<br>Revised:<br>12/31/16 | Concur                                  |

## Toll Revenue Audit March 2013 Recommendations Status of Recommendations

| Internal Audit Observation  | Internal Audit Recommendation   | Management<br>Response | Management Action Plan   | Responsible Party                           | Management Status at<br>January 15, 2017 | Testing Results   | Due Date  | IA Evaluation of Management's<br>Status |
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| 6. Potential Revenue Leakage: The potential extrapolated discrepancies in the toll collections audit highlighted above total approximately \$1,000 for the six month period ended December 2012. A root cause of this appears to be the manual nature of the Attendant's Shift Record used as a reconciling item during toll collections audits, for which third party contractor auditors are required to make assumptions as to what is being communicated by the TSA.  Additionally, during the review of the toll collections audit, Internal Audifound that system purges and reverse run through transactions, system functions used to reset the toll lane if the lane server is out of sync, generates an expected revenue amount. Also the description on the Unusual Occurrence report for these transactions have the same overclass description as small vehicle transactions that do not engage the toll lane treadles. The third party contractor uses the Unusual Occurrence report to reduce the expected revenue for the system purges and reverse run through transactions, while maintaining the expected revenue related to the smaller vehicles that do not engage the treadles.  Internal Audit performed a review of the overclass transactions (excludin purges, re-syncs, and reverse run throughs) and found that the third part contractor reversed the expected revenue inappropriately in 4 out of 25 transactions tested, an error rate of 13%. The potential extrapolated variance when applied to all overclass transactions for the six month period ended December 31, 2012 is estimated to be approximately \$700. | b) The Authority should also consider automating certain aspects of the Attendant's Shift Record log by integrating the unusual occurrence, violations, and insufficient fund transactions within the MLT system. This would reduce the subjectivity of the FTS auditor's interpretation of the manual ASR log. | Concur                 | The Authority currently has this recommendation as a function in the planned Toll System Replacement project that is currently ongoing at this time. The Authority would expect to have the new system in place and operating by July 1, 2015. | David Wynne, Director of<br>Toll Operations | In Progress<br>(Past Due)                | Per discussion with David Wynne, Director of Toll Operations, this recommendation will be implemented as a function in the planned Toll System Replacement (TSR) project. The Request for Proposal (RFP) has been awarded and the new system is currently in development.  Internal Audit obtained the System Requirements advertised as part of the RFP and determined specification 1.5.1.7.2.2 states the system should have drop down menu codes for unusual occurrences. Internal Audit determined the TSR project was awarded to TransCore, LP on 5/14/15 as evidenced by Board minutes. Per David Wynne, Director of Toll Operations, the work is in progress with Transcore and the first go-live date is scheduled for April 2017 in the Coral Hills plaza group based on the current status of the project.  As part of Internal Audit's review of management status at 1/15/2017, Internal Audit obtained the TransCore monthly status report from December 2016 and the agenda for the January 2017 progress meeting from David Wynne, Director of Toll Operations. Based on the documents otained project activities, deliverables/documentation, contract administration, and action items are discussed at least monthly with CFX and TransCore personnel. | Original: 7/1/15 Revised: 4/30/16 Revised: 1/31/17 Revised: 4/30/17 | Concur                                  |

#### Maintenance and Safety Plan Compliance April 2014 Recommendations Status of Recommendations

| Internal Audit Observation   | Internal Audit Recommendation  | Management<br>Response | Management Action Plan   | Responsible Party                         | Management Status at<br>January 15, 2017 | Testing Results   | Due Date   | IA Evaluation of<br>Management's Status |
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| accomplishing the applicable standards, there are no written procedures documenting the Authority's maintenance and inspection program. Written procedures are an integral component of the infrastructure surrounding each critical business process. Procedures help govern, in writing, the actions necessary to fulfill the organization's policy for operations. Procedures provide guidance in | including: Internal procedures for managing and maintaining the Authority's roadways and bridges, Asset tracking, Role of third party maintenance & inspections agreements (scheduling of inspections, repairs, and replacements; outputs of preventative maintenance), Maintenance contract performance monitoring, Work order, maintenance request, and deficiency response deadlines, Incidence and |                        | The Authority will develop written procedures to document the pertinent aspects of the Authority's maintenance and inspection operations in regards to bridges, overhead structures, and roadways. | Claude Miller, Director of<br>Maintenance | Complete                                 | Per discussion with Claude Miller, Director of Maintenance, procedures to document the pertinent aspects of CFX's maintenance and inspection operations in regards to bridges, overhead strucutres, and roadways were approved by the Director of Maintenance and implemented as of 10/1/16. Internal Audit obtained a copy of the Quick Reference guide for Roadway, Bridge, and Facilities Maintenance from Claude Miller, Director of Maintenance, as evidence of implementation. IA determined through inspection that the procedures include management and maintenance for CFX roadways and bridges, asset tracking, third party agreements, performance monitoring, work orders/maintenance requests, deficiency responses, emergency response processes, and GEC Annual Inspections were addressed in the new desktop procedures. | Original:<br>12/31/14<br>Revised:<br>12/31/15<br>Revised:<br>10/1/16 | Concur                                  |

#### Intelligent Transportation Systems Security Review February 2015 Recommendations Status of Recommendations

| Internal Audit Observation  | Internal Audit Recommendation   | Management Response | Management Action Plan  | Responsible Party                              | Management Status at<br>January 15, 2017 | Testing Results   | Due Date   | IA Evaluation of<br>Management's Status |
|---|---|---------------------|---|--|--|---|--|---|
| Access to Roadside Equipment: Improvement opportunities exist surrounding access to ITS network equipment on the roadways.              | Review the feasibility of deploying a stronger access control tool to the ITS network roadside equipment. | Concur              | ITS will develop a plan to implement a stronger access control.   | Corey Quinn, Chief of<br>Technology/Operations | Complete                                 | Per discussion with Bryan Homayouni, Manager of<br>Traffic Operations, a stronger access control<br>mechanism has been installed on all roadside<br>equipment.  | 12/31/16   | Concur                                  |
| 7. Log Configuration: Improvement opportunities exist surrounding aggregation and correlation of logs for equipment in the ITS network. | 7. Deploy a log aggregation tool to the environment.  |                     | ITS will research the feasibility of including this functionality into the current logging system "What's up Gold".  Update July 21, 2015: Research complete. Implementation of Secure Information and Event Management solution pending upcoming organizational changes. | Corey Quinn, Chief of<br>Technology/Operations | In Progress<br>(Past Due)                | Per discussion with Bryan Homayouni, Manager of Traffic Operations, IT is in process of making improvements to the logging process. Therefore, additional time is required to complete the action plan. | Original:<br>6/30/15<br>Revised:<br>12/31/15<br>Revised:<br>6/30/16<br>Revised:<br>3/31/17<br>Revised:<br>11/30/17 | Concur                                  |

# Contracts Audit January 2016 Recommendations Status of Recommendations

| Internal Audit Observation   | Internal Audit Recommendation  | Management<br>Response | Management Action Plan   | Responsible Party | Management Status at<br>January 15, 2017 | Testing Results   | Due Date  | IA Evaluation of<br>Management's Status |
|--|--|------------------------|--|-------------------|--|---|---|---|
| The Authority has policies and procedures to authorize the use of subcontractors by vendors. Subcontractors may be approved through (1) inclusion in the vendor proposal and bid or (2) the completion of an "Authorization to Subcontract" form. The "Authorization to Subcontract" form can be approved by the Procurement Director for amounts up to \$25,000 and requires Board Approval for any amount in excess of \$25,000. The Jorgensen contract states that all subcontractors intended to be utilized by Jorgensen must be approved by the Authority in advance.  Jorgensen utilized twenty-six subcontractors since the inception of the contract. Of those twenty-six subcontractors, five were disclosed in the original proposal and contract approved by the Board. Jorgensen did not complete the "Authorization to Subcontract" request for the remaining twenty-one subcontractors. In addition, eight of the twenty-one subcontractors were paid amounts in excess of \$25,000, which required Board approval. | A listing of authorized subcontractors should be included in the checklist and the checklist should be used to track the approval of new. The contractor should also be required to submit a detail of the use of subcontractors with each vendor invoice. | Concur                 | Contract Specialists within the maintenance department will implement the use of a "Subcontractor Status Report" as part of monthly checklist of contract requirement monitoring and require the vendor to provide the listing of subcontractors along with their monthly invoice. Additionally, the Contract Specialist will compare the listing provided against the subcontractor approval forms submitted to confirm compliance. The Contract Specialist will also maintain a spreadsheet of subcontractor use and seek Board approval if the amounts approach \$25,000. |                   | Complete                                 | Per discussion with Claude Miller, Director of Maintenance, and Carrie Baker, Contract Support Specialist, the Asset Maintenance/Routine Inspection Monthly Subcontractor Status Report was created and sent out to prime contractors. IA obtained the January 2016 Monthly Subcontractor Status Report from Jorgensen Contract Services, LLC, and noted through inspection that the Report tracks subcontractors used, M/W/DBE status, total anticipated expenditures, actual expenditures, length of sublet, and amount and percentage paid to date for each subcontractor. Per discussion with Carrie Baker, Contract Support Specialist, the Status Report is reviewed by the Contract Specialist for compliance with Subcontractor Approval policies. Per discussion with Claude Miller, Director of Maintenance, the Director of Maintenance reviews the report for reasonableness of expenditures, and notes that the contractor is required to request Board approval if expenditures approach the \$25,000 limit. In the event that expenditures exceed the \$25,000 limit and the subcontractor has not previously notified the Contract Support Specialist or the Director of Maintenance, CFX will immediately request Board approval prior to payment. IA noted per inspection of the Status Report that two subcontractors were noted as missing approval. IA obtained the Request for Authorization to Sublet Services for Dive Tech International and MK Guardrail, Inc., the last outstanding subcontractor approvals. | Original:<br>2/1/2016<br>Revised:<br>4/1/16<br>Revised:<br>12/31/16 | Concur                                  |

#### ROW Legal Counsel Procurement & Invoice Audit February 2016 Recommendations Status of Recommendations

| Internal Audit Observation  | Internal Audit Recommendation   | Management<br>Response | Management Action Plan   | Responsible Party  | Management Status at<br>January 15, 2017 | Testing Results   | Due Date | IA Evaluation of<br>Management's Status |
|---|---|------------------------|--|--|--|---|----------|---|
| Based on Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan requirements, the Authority submits a monthly report of project costs to the Federal government and will be required to report final costs for the project in order to obtain the TIFIA loan funding. During the audit, we reviewed various sources of Right of Way data, including the Right of Way Committee minutes Excel tracking files from outside legal counsel, and the monthly TIFIA reports, and identified multiple instances o inaccurate or inconsistent data between sources. Specifically, the TIFIA reports contained formula errors, data that was incorrectly rolled forward from month-tomonth, in addition to classification issues for closed parcels that were listed as open. Of most concern were inaccuracies identified in the TIFIA reports that are designed to track project costs for later funding from the Federal government. There are multiple parties involved in creating and reviewing the TIFIA reports, including Lega Counsel and Finance personnel, which all input or review parts of the report. It is critical that the data in the TIFIA reports be kept complete and accurate for monitoring and reporting purposes. There is an opportunity to improve the quality and reliability of the data gathered for presentation in the TIFIA reports. | Right of Way activity into one spreadsheet or database in order to minimize (or eliminate) the maintenance and monitoring of multiple sources of information. | Concur                 | Initially, each Right of Way outside counsel or responsible party within the Authority will confirm the amount paid in the cumulative payments columns of the monthly TIFIA reports to ensure accuracy of the current spreadsheet. If there is a discrepancy identified, the responsible party will research and correct the discrepancy in the TIFIA reports. Going forward, each firm or responsible party will prepare a separate monthly TIFIA report summarizing the activity in the parcels assigned to that firm. The Accounting Department will audit the spreadsheets for accuracy using source documentation, which will be made available to the party responsible for performing the review of the spreadsheets. | Linda Lanosa, Deputy General<br>Counsel<br>Michael Carlisle, Director of<br>Accounting and Finance | Complete                                 | Per discussion with Linda Lanosa, Deputy General Counsel, each firm/responsible party creates their own separate monthly TIFIA report summarizing the activity in the parcels assigned to them. Each firm/responsible party certifies that the monthly TIFIA report contains accurate information and acknowledges that the information will be relied upon for the Authority's reporting requirements. Internal Audit obtained examples of the signed acknowledgment form for each responsible party. Per discussion with Mike Carlisle, Director of Accounting and Finance, Accounting conducts an additional review of the relocation costs, CFX parcels, the Lowndes parcels, the Shutts & Bowen reports, and Winderweedle reports for agreement to actual amounts paid in the cumulative payments columns of each monthly TIFIA report. Any discrepancies are resolved through discussion with Legal Counsel or each firm/responsible party as needed. Additional review considerations are documented in the TIFIA Project Status Report Verification Steps checklist to ensure consistent review across multiple periods and personnel. Internal Audit obtained e-mails between Michael Carlisle, Director of Accounting and Finance, and Linda Lanosa, evidencing review of each monthly TIFIA report, and obtained the TIFIA Project Stats Report Verification Steps checklist as evidence of procedures performed by Accounting, Once comments or changes are incorporated, the report is provided to Scott Bear, CH2M Hill Consultant.  Per discussion with Scott Bear, CH2M Hill Consultant, he receives the monthly reports from the external counsel and other responsible parties and he compiles the reports for review by the Authority. Per discussion with Michael Carlisle, Director of Accounting and Finance, review entails agreement to the GL via CFX accounting software (EDEN) and agreement of rollforward balances to previous reports, if applicable. Per discussion with the Manager of Accounting and Finance, several rounds of comments and revisions are generally required to account for |          | Concur                                  |

# Toll Revenue Audit March 2016 Recommendations Status of Recommendations

| Internal Audit Observation  | Internal Audit Recommendation   | Management<br>Response | Management Action Plan  | Responsible Party                                    | Management Status at<br>January 15, 2017 | Testing Results   | Due Date  | IA Evaluation of<br>Management's Status |
|---|---|------------------------|---|--|--|---|---|---|
| Based on inquiry of EGIS management and Authority IT personnel, camera surveillance is not being actively monitored by either party and the camera footage is not digitally stored and available for retrieval. The IT department | surveillance equipment that is compatible with its current operating system and allows for 30 days storage of surveillance data, at minimum, for retrieval as needed. We recommend that footage be recorded in digital format and maintained for a period of at least two weeks to one month based on leading practices. Additionally, the Authority should consider assigning the responsibility of periodic monitoring of the security cameras to EGIS to be performed at least weekly in order to improve monitoring of the mailroom and counting room where checks, cash, |                        | The Authority will procure and deploy the needed equipment and EGIS will perform monitoring of the cameras at least weekly. The procurement of the system will be included in an upcoming camera installation project | Fred Nieves, Manager of E-PASS<br>& Plaza Operations | In Progress (Past Due)                   | Per discussion with Fred Nieves, Manager of E-PASS & Plaza Operations, and Mahmood Haq, Information Security Manager, procurement of cameras for use throughout the Authority's facilities to enhance security is being planned by the IT department. The cameras for the call center mail room and counting room will be included in this procurement. The work is currently scheduled to take place at the end of spring or early summer, so the due date was revised to accomodate the current project plan. | Original:<br>12/31/16<br>Revised:<br>3/31/17<br>Revised:<br>7/31/17 |   |

# Public Records Review January 2017 Recommendations Status of Recommendations

| Internal Audit Observation  | Internal Audit Recommendation  | Management<br>Response | Management Action Plan   | Responsible Party   | Management Status at<br>January 15, 2017 | Testing Results  | Due Date   | IA Evaluation of<br>Management's Status |
|---|--|------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| CFX has a records management policy in place and a records management plan, which was created in 2011 by a third-party consultant to provide long-term, forward-looking guidelines and recommendations for governing CFX's records management program. The CFX records management program. The CFX records management policy contains portions of the records management plan.  CFX does not have a records management procedural document that provides the detailed records management practices that are currently in place.  Policies should contain clear, simple statements of how an organization or entity intends to conduct its operations and provide a set of guiding principles to help management with decision making, while procedures should help govern the actions necessary to fulfill the organization's policies for operations. Procedures containing an appropriate level of detail can help reduce misunderstanding and increase distribution of pertinent information to those involved in the process. | CFX should consider revising the records management policy to clearly state the direction of the Records Management function and create separate "desktop" procedures that clearly define and document key aspects of CFX's records management activities that are currently in place, including, but not limited to the following:  Record Coordinator procedures by department Frequently used GS1-SL Retention Schedules by department and any departures from the GS1-SL Retention Schedule for specific records  Barcode and database tracking process for offsite storage of records  Public records request tracking and quality control review process  Use of the records management database and email search tool for public records requests Exemptions to public records law that are frequently used and/or relevant to CFX's business  Examples of confidential information that should not be disclosed in response to a public records request  Methods for electronic records retention  Preservation process for permanent public records  Public records destruction process | Concur                 | CFX will develop a revised policy and desktop procedures based on the recommendations in this report and the new records management plan from the third-party consultant.  | Michelle Maikisch, Chief<br>of Staff  | In Progress                              | Per discussion with Michelle Maikisch, Chief of Staff, policies and desktop procedures are currently under development and are expected to be completed by the due date.   | Policy revision<br>- 6/30/17<br>Desktop<br>procedures -<br>6/30/18 | Concur                                  |
| CFX policy requires that all employees complete an annual public records training, which is currently accomplished in conjunction with Ethics and Sunshine Law training provided by the CFX Legal department. The Manager of Public Records receives additional training to ensure the employee has the appropriate knowledge and skills to serve as the Records Management Liaison Officer.  In addition, CFX selects Record Coordinators within each department to work with the Manager of Public Records to ensure departmental public records are managed in compliance with Florida Public Records Law. The Record Coordinators perform a key role in the organization's public records management processes. However, specialized training for Record Coordinators is not in place.  | Management should implement an annual public records management training program for the Record Coordinator role. The training should include the following, at a minimum:  Internal processes and expectations for Record Coordinators Application of Florida Public Records Law to accomplish assigned responsibilities Exemptions and confidential information per Florida Public Records Law as applicable to the individual departments Upcoming public records related projects Opportunities to discuss challenges and questions related to the Record Coordinator role   | Concur                 | CFX will develop a formalized training process for the Record Coordinators with the assistance of the records management consultant. Training will be in addition to the basic public records training for all employees and will include detail specific to their role and responsibilities as Record Coordinators. | Michelle Maikisch, Chief<br>of Staff  | In Progress                              | Per discussion with Michelle Maikisch, Chief of Staff, the formalized training process for Record Coordinators is currently under development and is expected to be implemented by the due date.   | 12/31/17   | Concur                                  |
| Although CFX's IT department built a custom Access Database for the Records Management department to store and retrieve location data for hard copy public records, it is no longer supported or maintained by the IT department (although it is stored on the Network File Share and subject to normal backup processes). Due to this, the Records Management department, the users of the database, have experienced issues and errors accessing the information contained within the database including:  Reliance on web search results in order to troubleshoot problems with the database.  Orphaned data that points to records that no longer exist, or have already been destroyed.  Data integrity issues, such as the incorrect modification of the retention schedule of all records (which was changed to "retain permanently" for all documents).  Unnecessary custom queries, tables, and search forms built approximately 10 years ago that affect the user interface and performance of the Access Database.     | CFX should consider migrating the current Access Database to a records management tool designed for this purpose. The selected tool should be provisioned and managed by the IT department, and should include a user-friendly interface, such as a web-based front end application to allow the Records Management department to access the information needed to fulfill public records requests. CFX should also consider contacting the offsite storage vendor to determine if they have a records management tool that can be leveraged to query, retrieve, and maintain records.   | Concur                 | CFX will research solutions to replace the records management database and will include the procurement of a new database in the budget for next fiscal year.  | Michelle Maikisch, Chief<br>of Staff<br>Corey Quinn, Chief of<br>Techology/Operations | In Progress                              | Per discussion with Corey Quinn, Chief of Technology/Operations, research for solutions to replace the records management database is ongoing. CFX is currently attempting to leverage systems already in place, but turnover within the IT department may delay the project. Michelle Maikisch, Chief of Staff, was added to the IT Steering Committee and is currently attempting to hire a new staff member within IT to support the records management database. | 6/30/18  | Concur                                  |

# Public Records Review January 2017 Recommendations Status of Recommendations

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| CFX utilizes the Smarsh application to collect and store text messages sent to or from CFX cellular telephones. Due to the configuration of Apple devices, any text message sent between two Apple devices (e.g. iPhone to iPhone), whether the message is between two CFX employees or between CFX and an external party, is not captured in the Smarsh application. This is due to the manner in which the iMessage communication platform was designed by Apple.  Once the issue of record retention specific to Apple device messaging was identified, CFX's IT department quickly escalated the concern with the Smarsh application vendor. The solution provided by Smarsh included turning off the iMessage feature on each enrolled Apple device so that messages are forced to use Short Message Service (SMS) or Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS) instead of iMessage. The request to make this configuration change has been distributed to CFX's user base, and at the time of the audit, was completed for all iPhone users within the environment.  | Management should update user procedures for CFX connected devices to include the requirement to keep iMessage turned off. Management should also enhance the current mobile phone provisioning process and related procedures to include a step for turning off iMessage on Apple devices before they are issued to the user.  Management should consider the following options to monitor compliance with the procedures and ensure collection of text message records:  Develop a manual process to periodically review user settings on enrolled Apple devices Implement "parental controls" on enrolled devices with a password known by two CFX IT employees Implement a mobile device management (MDM) tool to automate the control process | Concur                 | Management is completely confident that due to the redundancy of safeguards currently in place that all text messages are retrievable. Notwithstanding, management agrees to implementing additional layers of safeguards.               | Corey Quinn, Chief of<br>Technology/Operations | In Progress                              | Per discussion with Corey Quinn, Chief of Technology/Operations, CFX removed iMessage capabilities from CFX devices in November 2016. The review of Vendor MDM capabilities and procedure updates are currently ongoing and are expected to be completed by the due date.   | Iurn off iMessage capability - 11/30/16 (Complete) Procedure Updates - 6/30/17 Review Vendor MDM Capabilities - Original: 3/31/17 Revised: | Concur                               |
| The CFX Board is comprised of government employees and three gubernatorial appointed citizens. The gubernatorial appointed citizens serving on the CFX Board have been provided CFX electronic mail (email) addresses, which helps with record collection and retention for compliance with Florida Public Records law. However, Board members do not serve on committees, and instead appoint representatives to serve in their place. The non-government citizens serving at the Committee level have not been provided with CFX email addresses, creating greater opportunity for emails regarding agency business to be sent outside of CFX's Exchange deployment, leaving them absent from the public records files or CFX-established records retention schedules.  | CFX should assign a CFX email address to each non-government Committee member and should communicate the expectation that all agency business be conducted using this email address. If this is not possible, CFX should consider requiring that any email messages related to agency business conducted outside of a CFX email address be forwarded to a designated CFX address for collection and retention.   | Concur                 | CFX will issue email addresses to the non-government committee members and will require committee members to utilize the email address for agency business or to forward all related emails to the address for collection and retention. | Michelle Maikisch, Chief<br>of Staff           | Complete                                 | Per discussion with Michelle Maikisch, Chief of Staff, CFX e-mail addresses have been issued to non-government committee members, and non-government committee members have been instructed to utilize the e-mail addresses for CFX bsuiness or to forward all related e-mails to the address for collection and retention. IA obtained the Help Desk ticket requesting the creation of the e-mail addresses as well as a copy of the e-mail distributed to non-government committee members explaining the e-mail requirements and providing instructions on how to access the e-mail address. |  | Concur                               |
| To aid in tracking the movement, storage, and retrieval of paper records, when records are ready to be sent to the offsite storage vendor for retention, barcodes are issued to Record Coordinators or custodians by the Records Management department. The Record Coordinator or custodian completes and returns a box inventory form to Records Management, which identifies the records within the box, attaches the barcode, and sends the box to offsite storage. The Records Management department enters the detailed box contents into the records management database, by barcode, for record tracking and retrieval purposes. All available and issued barcodes are tracked by Records Management in Excel, but Records Management does not currently follow up on the status of barcodes where no box inventory form was returned and does not confirm receipt of the box by the offsite storage vendor.  During the audit, one instance was identified in which a barcode was issued to a Record Coordinator ten months prior but could not be located in the records management database, indicating that the box inventory form was not returned to Records Management. The box was subsequently located onsite; however, inadequate tracking of barcodes, box inventory forms, and receipt of boxes by the offsite storage vendor increases the risk of undetected loss and an inability to subsequently comply with any public records request specific to those records. | To improve the tracking process of public record boxes, Records Management should perform a monthly reconciliation of the barcodes issued, box inventory forms received, and boxes received by the offsite storage vendor. CFX may consider including a barcode tracking tool in the records management database and developing reports to facilitate and formalize the tracking and reconciliation processes for records sent to the offsite vendor for storage.  | Concur                 | CFX will implement the monthly reconciliation process as recommended.  | Michelle Maikisch, Chief<br>of Staff           | Complete                                 | Per discussion with Michelle Maikisch, Chief of Staff, a monthly reconciliation process of the barcodes issued, box inventory forms received, and boxes received by the offsite storage vendor has been implemented. Internal Audit obtained and reviewed the most recent monthly reconciliation of barcodes from the Chief of Staff as evidence of implementation.   | 3/31/17  | Concur                               |

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| Although a records retention schedule is clearly defined in policies, electronic records are not being destroyed according to the retention schedule. Currently, CFX is permanently retaining records for the following digital technologies with no defined procedures or technology in place to guide destruction beyond the required retention limits:  • Microsoft Exchange (electronic mail, calendar, and contacts) • Smarsh (text messages) • Network Shared Drive (electronic documents and other records) • SharePoint (electronic documents and other records) • SharePoint (electronic documents and other records)  CFX's Records Management Policy and Public Records Training are documented and establish the records retention schedule. The training states that "a public record may only be destroyed or disposed of in accordance with the retention schedules", and "after the retention period, public records that are no longer needed must be systematically disposed".  Florida Administrative Code 1B-24.003(1)(a) states that "Retention periods are determined by the content, nature, and purpose of records, and are set based on their legal, fiscal, administrative, and historical values, regardless of the format in which they reside or the method by which they are transmitted."  This means that certain emails or text messages may need to be retained longer than others based on their content. | Review existing policies and procedures surrounding the disposition or destruction of documents to ensure they provide sufficient detail around record retention and destruction.  Develop an approach to destroy records from the systems they are stored within (such as Smarsh, Exchange, SharePoint, Shared Drives, etc.) once their retention schedule has been met. To facilitate this, consider developing a method within each digital technology instance to classify records and document their associated destruction date according to the retention schedule and Authority policy.  The timely destruction of public records once retention is met would help reduce electronic and manual resource requirements and associated costs to store records. In addition, public records held beyond the retention period would need to be produced in the event of a public record request. Timely destruction of records could reduce labor requirements for the discovery of items that should have been destroyed in the event of a sizeable public record request.  Specific to Microsoft Exchange, CFX should consider the following actions to assist in managing email correspondence so emails can be categorized and destroyed when necessary:  Set mailbox limits that automatically delete messages after a pre-determined period of time Restrict the creation of .PST files so that all messages reside within user's inbox (and not on their local machine)  Create a "wault" to store important emails that must be kept for a certain number of days on each user's inbox, and outline the type of content within emails that would warrant the message to be placed within the "vault". This "vault" would not be subject to the automatic delete processes outlined above so that all messages that must be kept are secured and can be retrieved when necessary.  CFX may consider implementing an email management tool that does the above and allows for categorization of emails by retention schedule. |                        | CFX will establish a systematic destruction process for each type of electronic technology. The process will be documented in the policies and desktop procedures. CFX will explore email management tools available to assist with the destruction process. | Michelle Maikisch, Chief<br>of Staff | In Progress                              | Per discussion with Michelle Maikisch, Chief of Staff, research into e-mail management tools available to assist with the destruction process is ongoing. The systematic destruction process is expected to be established by the due date.   | 6/30/18  | Concur                               |
| Florida Regulation 1B-24.003(10) requires all destruction of public records be conducted in a manner that safeguards the interests of the state and safety, security and privacy of individuals. The current CFX process is to have a witness present during onsite or offsite destruction of public records, which helps ensure compliance with the statute. Per CFX's contract with its offsite storage vendor, the vendor must complete a Certificate of Destruction each time records are destroyed, which is to include the name of the person performing destruction and the name of the witness. However, during the audit, upon inspection of these Certificates of Destruction, the names of the people performing the destruction and the name of the witness were not consistently documented on the Certificates of Destruction submitted to CFX.  | CFX should contact its offsite storage vendor and request compliance with the contract terms through timely submission of complete Certificates of Destruction. In addition, CFX should implement a consistent management review control to check the completeness of Certificates of Destruction as received to verify the information provided is in accordance with the contractual requirements.  | Concur                 | CFX will review the contractual requirements with the offsite storage vendor and will review future certificates to ensure the person performing destruction and the name of the witness are included.   | Michelle Maikisch, Chief<br>of Staff | In Progress                              | Per discussion with Michelle Maikisch, Chief of Staff, the contractual requirements for the offsite storage vendors have been reviewed, and future certifications will include the person performing the destruction and the name of the witness. CFX has not conducted a destruction since the implementation of the action plan, therefore evidence was not available at the time of the follow-up meeting. IA will obtain certificates of the next destruction performed by CFX as evidence of implementation. | 3/31/17  | Concur                               |