

United States



In the US, government leaders are under extraordinary pressure to do more with existing, or fewer, resources. Sequestration, reduced tax revenues, soaring deficits and a deepening national debt are encouraging decision-makers to align resources where they can achieve the best outcomes. At the same time, demand for visibility and transparency in the use of those resources is growing.

The US Government & Public Sector practice of Ernst & Young LLP combines an understanding of the public sector's diverse needs, focused on delivering improved public services, with leading private sector practices. EY brings together highly skilled professionals across advisory, assurance, tax and transaction advisory services.

This integrated approach facilitates support and flexibility at the federal, state and local levels. Our heritage is based on providing objective, fact-based insights, and our broad portfolio of services is aimed at driving relevant, tangible results.

Here are some examples of how EY has been working with government at federal, state and local levels across the US.

Fraud risk

EY has helped a large federal government department to conduct an organization-wide fraud risk assessment. The purpose was to identify potential and actual vulnerabilities and exposures to fraud involving the client's activities and their impact. The assessment created a structure for assessing the likelihood and impact of fraud occurring and determining how the risk of fraud can be best managed. The work performed allowed the department to identify areas of high vulnerability within the procurement process where controls required strengthening to minimize the risk of fraud.

Shared services

EY is working with a branch of the US armed forces organization to facilitate a finance and accounting shared services consolidation. This effort will allow

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the organization to apply commercial best practices and realize efficiencies. The organization has service personnel on operations around the world. Improvements in the way it is administered will free up resources that can be used to maintain and improve support services for the forces personnel and their families before, during and after deployments.

Managing risk

Interest in enterprise risk management (ERM) is growing fast among federal agencies. A number of them have appointed a chief risk officer to manage their ERM efforts. Federal entities are starting to focus on enterprise solutions to manage risks. EY's US Government & Public Sector Enterprise Risk Management team offers a proven methodology and approach. It can help agencies leverage the investments they make to comply with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-123 Appendix A and other requirements, by replacing isolated initiatives and fixes with a holistic approach to integrating internal controls, compliance and risk management initiatives under an ERM framework.

Business transformation

EY is working with a southern state's health and human services agency, which provides services for people with mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorder. The agency is working to improve its core business processes and performance, and better demonstrate the value and impact of the services that it delivers. EY is supporting the organization's effort to transform into a high-performing agency that develops and implements priorities that are strategically aligned with a vision and effectively communicated.

State and city support

EY has helped the government of a New England state, and the administration of this state's capital city, with a wide range of activities. These include assessing risks; reviewing procurement procedures; enhancing hiring and other human resources procedures; testing information systems and security; streamlining operational procedures; assessing audit controls; reviewing pensions, pay and benefits; evaluating construction projects; and enhancing accounting policies and procedures. 



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