

LEAN GOVERNMENT OR “COUNTY AUDITORS ARE NO LONGER THE BAD GUYS!”

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COUNTY AUDITORS + LEAN GOVERNMENT = A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN

County Auditor serves to safeguard use of County assets.
Lean Government focuses on speed, efficiency, eliminating waste.

This presentation explores YOUR importance as County Auditors as it relates to Lean Government.

We will discuss enhancing the value of the County Auditor’s office; enhancing your County for the public good; and enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of your County as a result, all by going beyond the standard procedures.

COUNTY AUDITOR’S ROLE BEYOND THE LETTER OF THE LAW

We hear much about your oath to “faithfully execute the duties of the office” and “to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State”.

- But what about your responsibilities as an appointed leader of your County?
- What about your responsibility and authority to benefit your County by leading it to the cutting edge of new ideas?
- What about your obligation to educate and help other stakeholders improve?
- What about your pride in making your community a better place to live?
- What about not always being The Bad Guys?

-County Auditor is an incredibly diverse role. They touch peoples’ lives as much as any other public official, servicing literally every department in the County.

-County Auditor’s effect on the public is much broader than others in the Courthouse. This is how Auditors can make a difference.

LEAN GOVERNMENT IN ACTION

In reality, Lean Government is just new name for the role the County Auditor has always filled. Its popularity provides an opportunity for the County Auditor to elevate the County to new levels of efficiency.

Lean Government efforts are simply ways to improve processes, remove waste, increase efficiency, elevate quality, save money.

Lean Government can improve quality, transparency and speed of government.

Lean Government does not necessarily promote low taxes, only efficient use of those taxes levied. Lean Government is implemented by the administrative arm of government and is then applied to the departments of that government.

Lean Government methods focus on identifying and eliminating wastes from non-value activities such as:

- Backlog
- Excess materials
- Data errors and missing information
- Overproduction
- Unnecessary Complexity
- Waiting
- Excess Motion
- Moving and storing items
- Inefficient work processes
- And more!

LEAN GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES – EXAMPLES

- Texas cities
- States
- U. S. federal government
- Your County

COUNTY AUDITOR’S ROLE IN LEAN GOVERNMENT – IT’S A NATURAL FIT

Be the expert! Champion Lean Government in your County!

- Meet with your departments
- Speak to your communities
- Use social media