



Getting Ready for the Single Audit

Strengthen Controls, Improve Documentation, and
Prepare with Confidence

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With over 30 combined years of experience in public accounting, April and Jolene have built careers specializing in nonprofit organizations, bringing deep expertise in financial reporting, compliance, and advisory services. They both have extensive experience conducting and overseeing Single Audits in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, and is known for a thorough, detail-oriented approach to audit and compliance requirements. In addition to audit services, April and Jolene provide consulting services to nonprofit clients, helping them navigate Uniform Guidance, single audits, written policies and procedures, and strengthen internal controls over compliance.



Agenda

A successful Single Audit starts before the auditor arrives

Objectives:

1. Improve internal controls that support audit success
2. Understand common documentation gaps and how to close them
3. Demonstrate allowability, procurement, and time and effort compliance
4. Implement simple steps to improve audit readiness across teams



Understanding the Single Audit

- Required for non-federal entities with $\geq \$1,000,000$ in federal awards
- Focus on:
 - Compliance with federal requirements
 - Effectiveness of internal controls
- Includes financial and compliance components

Key Risk Areas in Single Audits

- Weak or undocumented internal controls
- Inadequate support for costs
- Noncompliance with procurement rules
- Poor time and effort tracking

Designing Strong Internal Controls

Segregation of duties

Authorization and approval processes

Ongoing monitoring

Embed compliance into day-to-day operations



Internal Controls – Examples



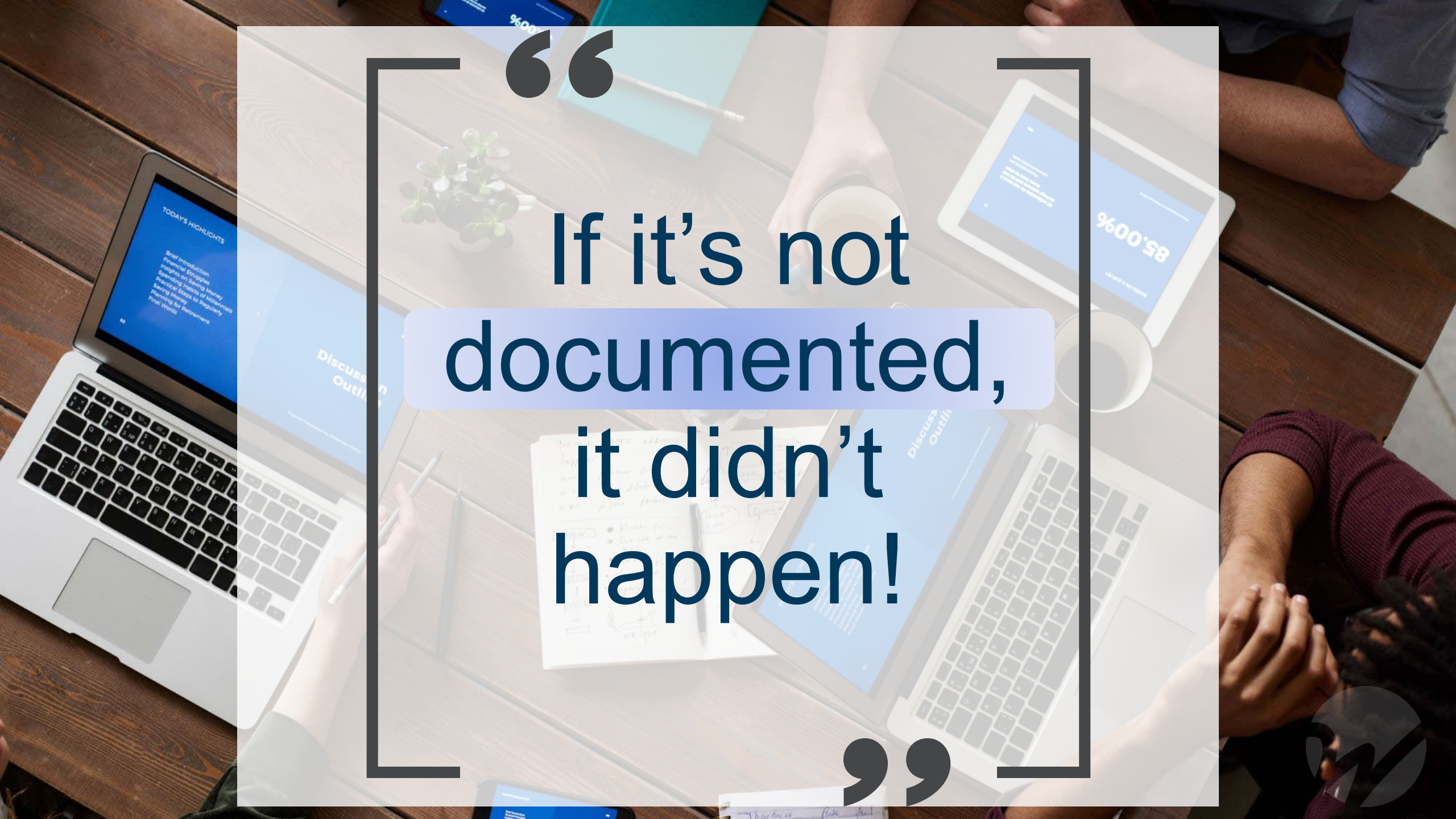
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SIGN-OFF ON TIMESHEETS



PROCUREMENT:
COMPETITIVE BIDDING
DOCUMENTATION



TRAVEL: PRE-APPROVAL
AND POLICY ADHERENCE

A top-down view of a meeting table. Several laptops and tablets are open, displaying financial data and documents. A person's hand is visible holding a cup. A small potted plant sits on the table. The background shows people sitting around the table, with their arms and hands visible. The overall scene suggests a collaborative work environment.

“ If it’s not documented, it didn’t happen! ”

Documentation: The Backbone of Audit Readiness

- Common internal control documentation gaps:
 - Lack of written policies and procedures
 - Missing evidence of review and approval
 - Weak or incomplete segregation of duties
 - Inconsistent or missing compliance monitoring logs
 - Control activities not tied to federal requirements
- Common compliance documentation gaps:
 - Missing or incomplete timesheets
 - Lack of source documentation
 - Incomplete procurement records
 - Inconsistent cost allocation support
 - Failure to document subrecipient monitoring

Closing Documentation Gaps



Review and update policies and procedures regularly.



Use standardized templates and checklists



Conduct regular file reviews



Train staff on documentation expectations

Demonstrating Compliance: Allowability

Align activities and costs with federal program purpose

Reference Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200 Subpart E)

Maintain support: invoices, approvals, cost allocation





Demonstrating Compliance: Procurement

Follow your documented procurement procedures

Thresholds: Micro-purchase, small purchase, sealed bids, competitive proposals

Include: bids, quotes, rationale for vendor selection, suspension/debarment

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gw-JeGYp9w>

Demonstrating Compliance: Time and Effort

Options:

- Personnel Activity Reports
 - Certifications
- Must reflect actual work performed



Simple Steps to Improve Audit Readiness



Assign an internal audit lead



Maintain a centralized space to store and maintain documentation



Use a monitoring checklist to perform periodic compliance check-ins



Communicate expectations across teams

Leverage Existing Resources



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Federal guidance (Uniform Guidance, Compliance Supplement)

02

Training materials from pass-through entities

03

Internal expertise, peer networks, and Wegner compliance consulting and blog posts

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Final Tips for Success

Prepare year-round, not just during audit season



Keep communication open with your auditor and consultant



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