# Government Efficiency & Management Strategies



Every public administrator faces significant risk every day. The challenges of management are difficult and the threat of potential financial loss is real so how can you face political and economic uncertainty and achieve comfort, safety and security?

Over the past 22 years, our consultants have advised over 447 State and Local Governments, 50 Provincial Governments, and more than 14,000 Civil Servants in 60 countries. We have helped public these agencies discover more than \$521,109,000 in uncollected revenue, inefficiencies and spending reductions through Forensic Audits, Comprehensive Organizational Assessments, Compensation Studies, Organizational Realignments, Process Re-Engineering, Policy Manual revisions and effective implementation. Because of our methods, public administrators have realized greater revenue collections, improved efficiency, reduced fraud and better public access to public services.

#### RESULTS

- ✓ \$47,109,000 in uncollected driving license fees
- ✓ \$2,000,000 in unaccounted for utility customers
- ✓ \$1,053,000 unpaid Franchise Fee liquidated damages
- ✓ \$650,000 in uncollected debt from delinquent utility bills
- ✓ \$600,000 in underperforming software inefficiencies
- ✓ \$600,000 in underpaid Franchises Fees
- ✓ \$500,000 in Uncollected Revenue from bad water meters
- ✓ \$450,000 in Overstaffing
- ✓ \$429,000 in overpayment of Software Licenses& fees
- ✓ \$400,000 saved through consolidation
- ✓ \$240,000 in excess Fleet Management expenses
- ✓ \$101,000 in reductions of pay periods from 52 to 26
- ✓ \$50,000 in elimination of bi-annual elections
- ✓ \$29,600 per vehicle through fleet conversion to bio-diesel and gas-electric hybrids.

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#### CLIENTS

- ✓ Arlington County, VA
- ✓ City of Arkansas City, KS
- ✓ City of Boston, MA
- ✓ City of Billings, MT
- ✓ City of Concord, NH
- ✓ City of Cincinnati, OH
- ✓ City of Daytona Beach, FL
- ✓ City of Fort Worth, TX
- ✓ City of Huron, SD
- ✓ City of Kabul, Afghanistan
- ✓ City of Shawnee, OK
- ✓ City of Sunnyvale, CA
- ✓ Martin County, FL
- ✓ Village of Westwood , NJ
- ✓ Nova Southeastern University
- ✓ Palm Beach Co. Water Utility, FL
- ✓ Washington DC Water & Sewer

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# MUNICIPAL SOLUTIONS<sup>®</sup> Operations Audits, Efficiency & Management Strategies

### **REDUCE THE POTENTIAL FOR FINANCIAL LOSS**

All public agencies face significant risk associated with the "*P-Issues*": <u>*People*</u>, <u>*Planning*</u>, <u>*Policies*</u>, <u>*Processes*</u>, <u>*Procedures*</u>, and <u>*Paperwork*</u>. Operational, Performance, and Forensic Audits are necessary to identify waste and fraud to attain efficiency and innovation within your organization while minimizing the negative impacts that revenue reduction can have on service quality. These risks compound in the absence of trained experts who identify and remedy these issues, risks and liabilities. Comprehensive **Operations Efficiency Audits** can empower decision-makers and provide the following potential benefits:

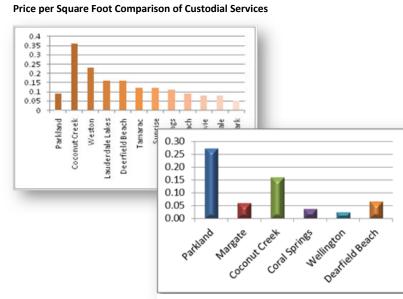
- Elimination of Waste
- Validation of Best Practices
- Reduction of Fraud & Legal Risk
- Discovery of Uncollected Revenues
- Efficient Asset Management
- Reduction and Reallocation of Personnel
- Efficient Technology Integration & Planning
- Reduction of expenditures
- Identify public-private partnerships
- Privatization / Consolidation alternatives
- Maximize your agency's revenues



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#### **INCREASE REVENUES**

A **Revenue & Expenditure Analysis** can be highly productive and result in identification of over or over-utilized revenue streams. It can also identify the availability, feasibility and implementation aspects of grants and other alternative financial resources needed for both current and future programs. A Revenue and Expenditure Analysis carefully examines:



- Alternative funding strategies
  - Consolidation vs. Privatization
  - User Fees vs. Taxes
  - privatization & competition
- Cost center comparative analysis
- Development Agreements
- Franchise Audits & Non-compliance
- Fleet Management
- Fuel Consumption / Alternatives
- Grant Funding options
- Impact / User Fee Analysis
- Legal taxing / funding alternatives
- Procurement Standards & Limits
- Mutual-aid Agreements

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Ratio of Streets Personnel to Lane Miles Maintained

**Operations Audits, Efficiency & Management Strategies** 

#### IMPROVE THE PERFORMANCE OF PUBLIC SERVANTS

Our Performance Audits can include a comprehensive examination of one individual department or multiple departments which perform related tasks and functions. Our experience conducting **Individual Department Audits** includes reviews of:

9-11 Dispatch Ambulance Fire Department Human Resources Marinas Public Information Recreation Services Stormwater Zoo Accounting / Finance Development Services Fleet Management Legal Services Public Health Public Safety / Police Risk Management Water & Wastewater Airports City Clerk's Office Facilities Maintenance Library Services Information Technology (IT) Public Transportation Street Construction Traffic Safety Administration Cemeteries Golf Courses Parks Maintenance Planning Services Public Works Street Maintenance Urban Planning

With our **Cross-departmental Audits**, we examine the critical relationships which exist between departments which (if unaddressed) keep your organization from delivering the services your residents expect.

Accounting & Budgeting Customer Service Collections & Delinquencies Records Retention / Storage Operational Policies Business Processes & Procedures Consolidation & Privatization Development & Franchise Agreements Legal Compliance & Litigation Analysis Staffing Skills & Staffing Levels

IT Hardware & Software Organizational Structure Risk Management Analysis

Procurement & Purchasing

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#### AVOID *NEGATIVE* ATTENTION FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

Public servants deserve good press! Most City Managers, Elected Officials and Department Heads work diligently to serve the public and delivery quality pubic services. Our consultants understand the need to help find greater efficiencies without the 'drama' or 'scandal'.

"Steamed over Water Bills"

"Buckeye tries to Ease Anger" (Oct1, 2005)

"Obscene Pay"

"California Official's \$800,000 Salary In City of 38,000 Triggers Protests"

THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC azcentralcom "States and Localities Take Hit in Libor Scandal"

## Bloomberg

"the City's finances are in terrific health."

# GOVERNING PalmBeachPost

Inefficiencies are common and local government officials want to be efficient.

#### Get the positive attention your community deserves!

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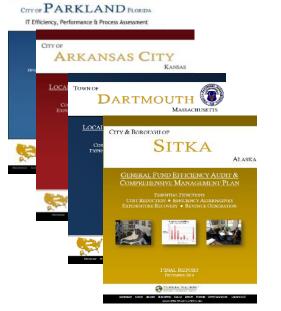
#### PEACE OF MIND FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

Effective and efficient local government managers view services through the lens of four groups: *residents, local businesses, employees & elected officials.* When we identify and respond to the changing needs of your dynamic community, the most important obligation of a public administrator is fulfilled.

Identifying the most desired services can assure the highest quality in service delivery and can assure peace of mind, economic prosperity, and quality of life.

Hiring an independent consultant can help you achieve it!

Municipal Service Priorities of the Residents of Arkansas City, KS (Total Responses in 2010 Survey)						
Ranking	#1 Votes	#2 Votes	#3 Votes	#4 Votes	#5 Votes	# 6 Votes
1	Utilities (35)	Fire (40)	Utilities(27)	Streets (27)	Economic Develop (19)	Admin. Services (16)
2	Police (30)	Police (29)	Fire (24)	Utilities (12)	Parks & Rec. (14)	Parks & Rec. (13)
3	Fire (14)	Utilities (10)	Police (22)	Economic Develop (10)	Streets (10)	Economic Develop (12)
4	Economic Develop (12)	Community	Streets (6)	Admin.	Admin.	Community
		Services (6)		Services (9)	Services (9)	Services (9)
5	Community Services (5)	Admin. Service (4)	Parks & Rec. (4)	Parks & Rec. (8)	Library (9)	Web Site & Public Info (9)





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