

2016 Audit Fee Survey

FERF/Workiva

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AGENDA

- Today's Panelists
- CPE Guidelines
- Principal Findings
- Discussion



Today's Panelists

- Bill Sinnett, Chief Operating Officer, FERF
- Dave Pelland Managing Director, Research, FERF
- Colin Wallace Partner Internal Audit and Advisory Services, Moss Adams



Today's Panelists



- Brian Harding, VP Corporate Controller and Principal Accounting Officer, FLIR Systems



- Joe Howell, Cofounder & EVP, Workiva

CPE Guidelines

- Today's webcast – 1 CPE credit
- Answer 3/4 polling questions
- Participate for 50 minutes
- Download certificate after webcast closes
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Principal Findings

Survey Methodology

- Review of SEC filings by MyLogIQ
 - 6490 unique filers
- FERF survey
 - 218 public, non-public and non-profit entities

Public Companies – SEC Filings

- Median fees \$522,205
- Median increase 3.2 percent
- More than 1,100 filers reported audit fee decrease
- More than 300 filers reported increase over 100 percent
- Almost 1/5 reported ineffective ICFR
 - Median increase 5.1 percent

Public Companies – FERF Survey

- Median fees \$2.4 million
- Median increase 1.6 percent
 - Acquisition, review of controls
- 43 percent reported audit fee decrease
 - Increased preparedness, negotiation, improved controls

Private Companies – FERF Survey

- Median fees \$102,059
- Median increase 2.9 percent
 - 58 percent of respondents
 - Inflation, acquisition, private equity sale/purchase
- 42 percent reported audit fee decrease
 - Negotiation, improved controls, audit preparedness

Discussion

Non-Profits – FERF Survey

- Median fees \$84,625
- Median increase 2.3 percent
 - 67 percent of respondents
 - Inflation
- 33 percent reported audit fee decrease
 - Audit preparedness, improved controls, automation

Q&A

Closing Comments