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23-19 2023 Annual Follow-up

October 2023

Purpose

The purpose of the annual follow-up is to determine whether management took appropriate and timely actions based upon their response to audit recommendations. Our scope includes audit report recommendations issued during 2022 along with open recommendations from prior periods.

Highlights

Based on our review, we conclude that 85% of the 2022 audit report recommendations or prior period open recommendations were implemented or adequately addressed by management. The remaining 15% of recommendations were to be followed up next year. Page two of this report presents the detailed results of our 2023 Annual Follow-up.

The Office of the City Auditor published 24 reports in 2022. Recommendations made in 2022 and recommendations carried over from prior years are summarized on page two of this report showing the implementation status. Recommendations may be in progress or open due to valid operational and timing reasons.

To comply with audit standards, "The Chief Audit Executive must establish a follow-up process to monitor and ensure that management actions have been effectively implemented or that senior management has accepted the risk of not taking action." The City Auditor developed this follow-up process and reports annually on the results of the process.

We reviewed 26 recommendations made by our office to determine whether management had taken action as indicated in their response to recommendations. We found:

- 22 Management responses (85%) were accomplished or management's actions adequately addressed the risk identified during our original audit. No further follow-up will be performed
- 4 Open responses (15%) were noted and will be reviewed in the 2024 Annual Audit Follow-up

We would like to thank the staff from City of Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs Utilities, and other enterprises who assisted us in the audit.

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Implementation Status of Management Actions				
Report Number	Report Title	Implemented	Open	Risk Accepted
City of Colorado Springs				
19-24	City Information Technology Security	1		
21-13	City Information Technology Security	1		
21-14	City Ethics Policies and Practices		1	
22-02	City Procurement Card Program	3		
22-03	City Procurement Card Monitoring 2021	1		
22-08	City Park and Recreation Cash and Funds Receipts	1	1	
22-13	City Procure to Pay Implementation	1		
22-15	Police Department Records and Identification	4		
22-16	Parking System Enterprise Internal Control Review	5	2	
22-18	City Community & Public Health CARES Program	1		
22-20	City Economic Development Agreement Incentive Compliance	1		
Colorado Springs Utilities				
18-31	Utilities Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity	1		
22-01	Utilities February 2021 Natural Gas Price Event	1		
22-05	Utilities Procurement Card Program	1		
Totals		22	4	
Percentage of Total Recommendations		85%	15%	

This audit was conducted in conformance with the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing, a part of the Professional Practices Framework promulgated by the Institute of Internal Auditors.