Office Overview

Efficiency, Economy, Effectiveness, and Transparency in Ohio Government

Our Mission

As Ohio's chief compliance officer, the Auditor of State makes Ohio government more efficient, effective, and transparent by placing checks and balances on state and local governments for taxpayers.

Auditor Keith Faber

- Ohio's 33rd Auditor of State, Keith Faber

- Celina, Mercer County

- Dedicated to ensuring efficient, effective and transparent government for the people of Ohio.

- From 2001-18, Faber served Ohioans in the state legislature, including time as President of the Ohio Senate.

- Graduate of OSU, Moritz College of Law

By the numbers

5,900	**$6,400,000,000**	**124,000**
$200,000,000	**$3,800,000,000**	**128**
800	**1,800**	**$20,000,000**

Responsibilities of the Office

Data & IT Audits

Test controls on AOS audits and analyze local government data.

Financial Audits

Audit the financial statements of all public offices, state agencies, boards, and commissions in Ohio.

Special Audits

Investigate instances of alleged fraud, waste, and abuse of public funds.

Performance Audits

Determine efficiencies in state and local government.

Helping & Training

Provide technical assistance, training, and professional accounting services to local governments.

Financial Audits

Bulk of our work

Safeguard public dollars against waste and abuse

More than 4,000 completed annually.

Special Audits

- The AOS receives hundreds of tips of alleged fraud, or theft in office, each year.

- The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) works with financial auditors to investigate allegations and perform special audits.

- Fraud reporting options:
  - Submit tips online
  - Ohio Stops Fraud mobile app
  - Fraud hotline: 866-FRAUD-OH
  - Email: FraudOhio@ohioauditor.gov

129 Fraud Convictions

On Feb. 1, 2023, the Ohio Auditor's Special Investigations Unit secured its 100th conviction since January 2019, when Auditor Faber first took office:

129
FRAUD CONVICTIONS

247
CRIMINAL CHARGES

229
FINDINGS FOR RECOVERY

TOTAL FINDINGS SO FAR - $20.6 Million

What Do These Items Have in Common?

Data and IT Audits (DITA)

- Test IT controls and prepare Service Organization Control (SOC) reports.

- Cover IT controls, best practices, and data analysis.

- Use advanced data acquisition, automation, and analysis to interpret large volumes of data.

Click here to access resources that help increase awareness, report scams, and strengthen your government against cybercrime through our Cybersecurity Practices page
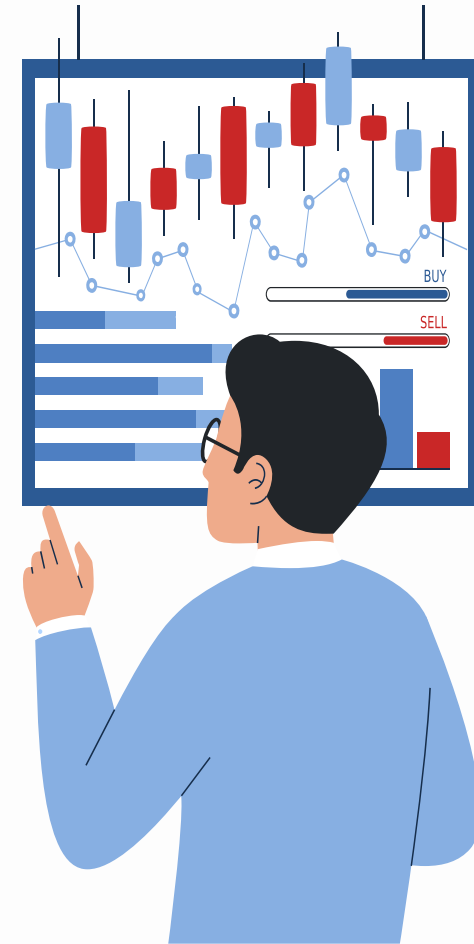
Local Government Services (LGS)

- Reconstruction of financial records and books

- Fiscal distress, financial forecast, and dissolutions/merger assistance

- Evaluation of internal controls

- Manuals, policy bulletins, and publications

- Annual reports, GAAP conversions

- Tailored consulting services

- Development of policies and procedures

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Uniform Accounting Network (UAN)

- User-friendly financial software UAN and technical support.

- Modules include: accounting, payroll, budget, inventory, and cemetery.

- Allows public officials to apply required accounting standards.
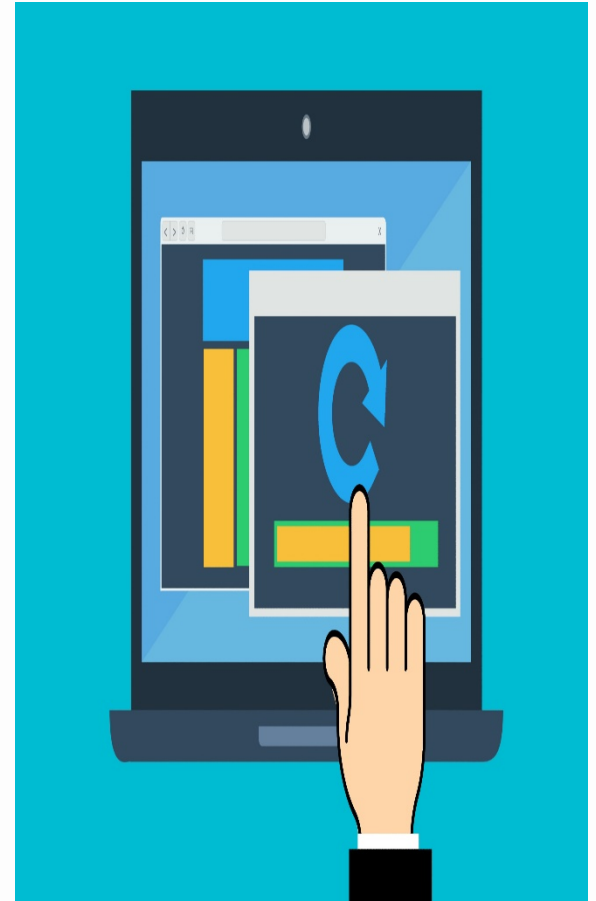
OPT: What is a Performance Audit?

Performance audits provide elected officials and government employees with an objective, third-party analysis of their operations to help them:

Improve Performance

Reduce Costs

Make Informed, Data-Driven Decisions

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Helping untangle government

AOS Regional Liaisons

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Questions?

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The Ohio Auditor of State

- As one of five independently elected statewide offices under Ohio's Constitution, the Auditor of State's office strives for clean, accountable and efficient governments for the people of Ohio.


- With a statewide staff of 800, the Auditor of State's office has a wide range of responsibilities.

The Ohio Auditor of State Responsibilities

- Audit all public offices in Ohio.

- Conduct performance audits of state and local public offices.

- Identify and investigate fraud in public agencies.

- Provide financial services to local governments.

- Promote transparency in government.

Whom Do We Audit?
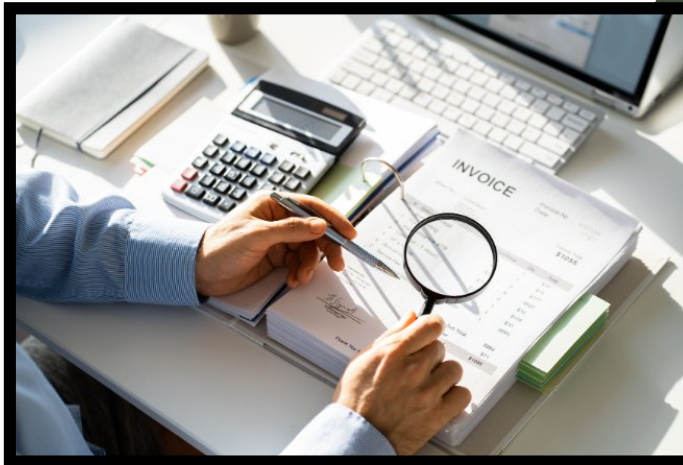
Cities (more than 5,000 residents)

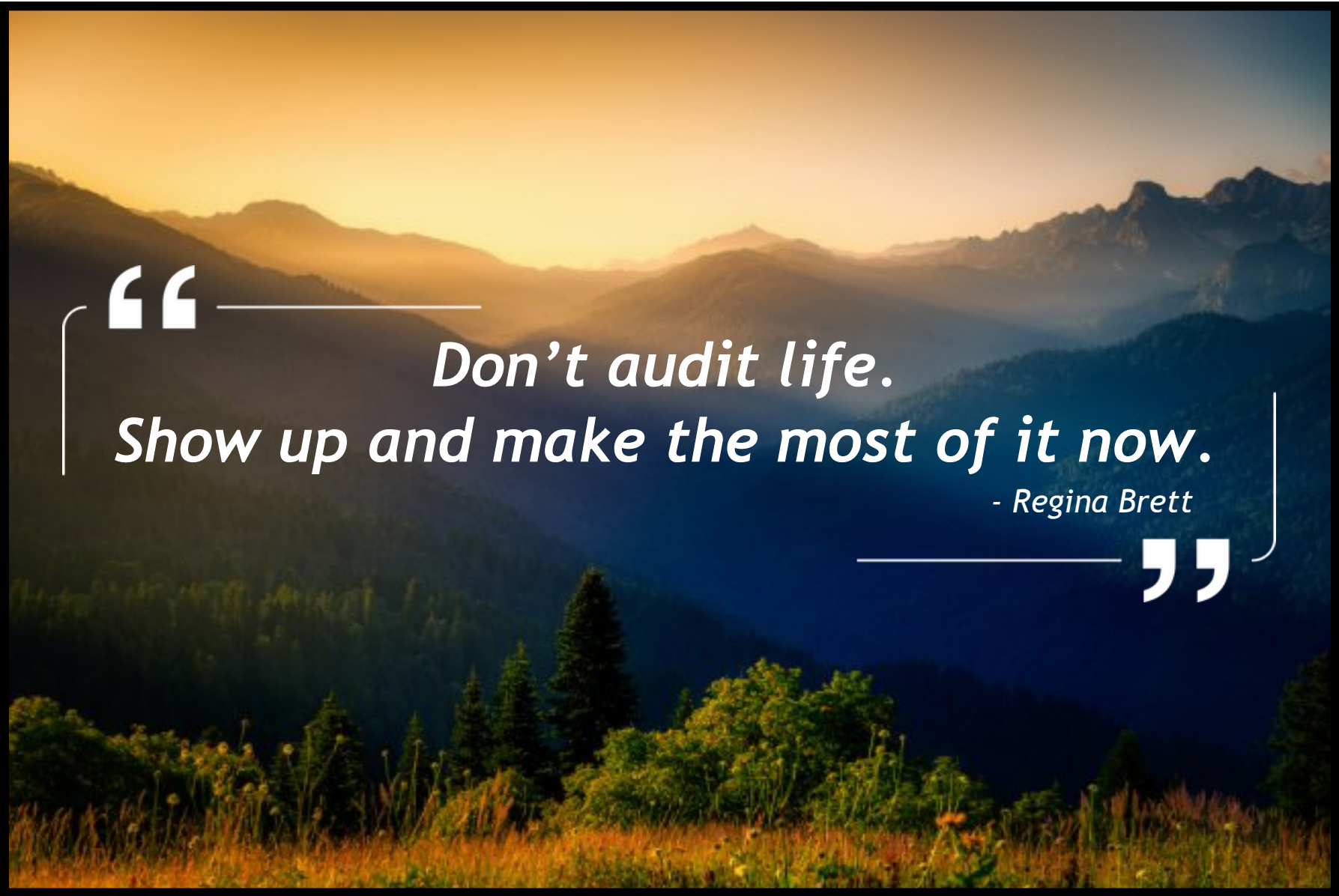Villages (fewer than 5,000)

Counties

Townships

School Districts

Community schools
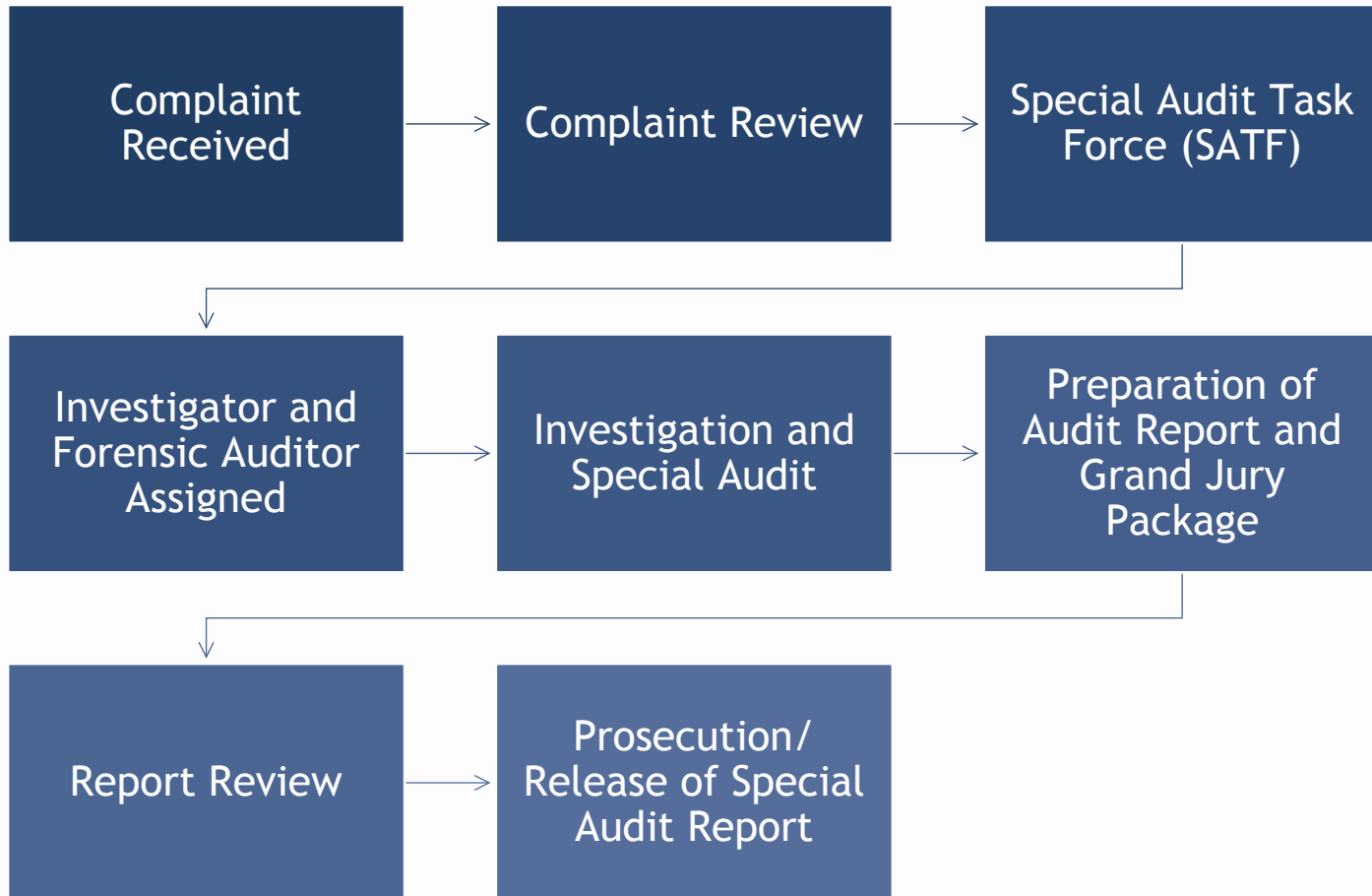
State colleges and universities

Public cemeteries

> **Don't audit life.
> Show up and make the most of it now.**
>
> *- Regina Brett*

SIU Process

Other Departments

- Human Resources
- Finance Department
- Information Technology
- Legal
- Open Government Unit
- Policy and Legislative Affairs
- Public Affairs/Communications
- Medicaid Contract Audit Section