

EBSA AUDIT REPORTS

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AGENDA

- Lifecycle Funds Process Audit
- Participant Website Controls Audit
- Systems Enhancement and Software Change Controls Audit

LIFECYCLE FUNDS PROCESS AUDIT

- **Audit Objectives:**

- Determine whether the Agency implemented certain procedures to:
 - Rebalance the L Funds on a daily basis to reflect the fund's target allocation for the current quarter.
 - Adjust the asset allocations of the L Funds each quarter based on each fund's prescribed time horizon.
 - Review the assumptions of the L Funds at least annually to determine whether any changes to the allocations are warranted.
 - Conduct the most current assumptions review in accordance with the terms of the contract between the Agency and the vendor.
 - Accurately calculate the published ratio of administrative expenses per \$1,000 of account balance in the L Funds.
 - Verify that the published asset allocations for each L Fund agree to the actual asset allocation.
- Determine if the assumptions used to develop the L Funds' allocations, as identified in the vendor's annual review as of September 2018, were consistent with industry benchmarks.
- Test compliance of the TSP account maintenance process with 5 CFR 1604.40.
- Determine the status of prior EBSA open recommendations.



LIFECYCLE FUNDS PROCESS AUDIT

- **Audit Scope Period:** January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018
- **Audit Report Date:** June 14, 2019
- **Audit Results:**
 - 14 closed recommendations
 - 1 new recommendation
 - Synopsis of open recommendation: Service accounts not properly identified.

PARTICIPANT WEBSITE CONTROLS AUDIT

- **Audit Objectives:**

- Determine whether the Agency implemented certain procedures related to:
 - Securing participant communications and transactions via the Web through password and user identification configuration settings, system edit checks regarding certain indicative data updates, and transaction types.
 - Managing website configuration changes.
 - Monitoring threats to participant data from external threats via the Web and social media.
- Determine the status of prior EBSA open recommendations.



PARTICIPANT WEBSITE CONTROLS AUDIT

- **Audit Scope Period:** January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018
- **Audit Report Date:** June 27, 2019
- **Audit Results:**
 - 5 closed recommendations
 - 6 new recommendations
 - 3 open prior year recommendations
 - Note: Agency non-concurred on 5 recommendations
 - Synopsis of open recommendation: Least privilege weaknesses in content change management and MySQL data transfer process and weaknesses in website monitoring.

SYSTEMS ENHANCEMENT AND SOFTWARE CHANGE CONTROLS AUDIT

- **Audit Objectives:**
 - Determine whether the Agency implemented certain procedures to:
 - Control the development, alteration, and configuration of TSP software applications and supporting infrastructure.
 - Authorize, test, approve, and implement changes to existing software applications and supporting infrastructure.
 - Control the processes for creating, storing, and accessing TSP production data used to test application changes.
 - Determine the status of prior EBSA open recommendations.

SYSTEMS ENHANCEMENT AND SOFTWARE CHANGE CONTROLS AUDIT

- **Audit Scope Period:** January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018
- **Audit Report Date:** June 7, 2019
- **Audit Results:**
 - 6 closed recommendations
 - 13 new recommendations
 - 10 open prior year recommendations
 - Note: Agency non-concurred on 2 recommendations
 - Synopsis of open recommendation: Weakness noted in configuration management, change management, access controls, and system security plan; and recommendation that information technology contracts should support implementation of the EISRM policy.