

# Achieve Efficiencies - Mitigate IT Control Assessment Redundancies

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# Overview

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### Learning Objectives:

- Identify the distinctions, requirements, and risk-based considerations across different IT assessments, and explain how these frameworks intersect within federal IT environments.
- Describe methods for leveraging authoritative assessment procedures to streamline control evaluations and reduce redundant testing while maintaining compliance.
- Apply principles of cost efficiency and evidence reuse to develop or enhance an agency's approach to integrated IT control assessments.



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- ❑ Serves as Supervisory Computer Scientist in NIST's Computer Security Division
- ❑ Co-authored and key contributor to NIST Special Publications including, but not limited to, SP 800-53, SP 800-37, and SP 800-171
- ❑ Co-chairs the Federal Cybersecurity and Privacy Professionals Forum and manages the Security Engineering and Risk Management Group
- ❑ Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) and OPM-certified SES candidate
- ❑ Oversees Risk Management Framework (RMF), FISMA Implementation Project, and Joint Task Force to develop a unified federal security framework

# Nicole Burkart

United States Government  
Accountability Office (GAO)

- ❑ Serves as an Assistant Director in GAO's Financial Management and Assurance team
- ❑ Co-authored and key contributor to the GAO Federal Information System Controls Audit Manual (FISCAM)
- ❑ In collaboration with CIGIE, leads efforts to maintain the GAO/CIGIE Financial Audit Manual (FAM) and FISCAM
- ❑ Leads the information system controls assessment performed in connection with GAO's audit of IRS's financial statements
- ❑ Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)

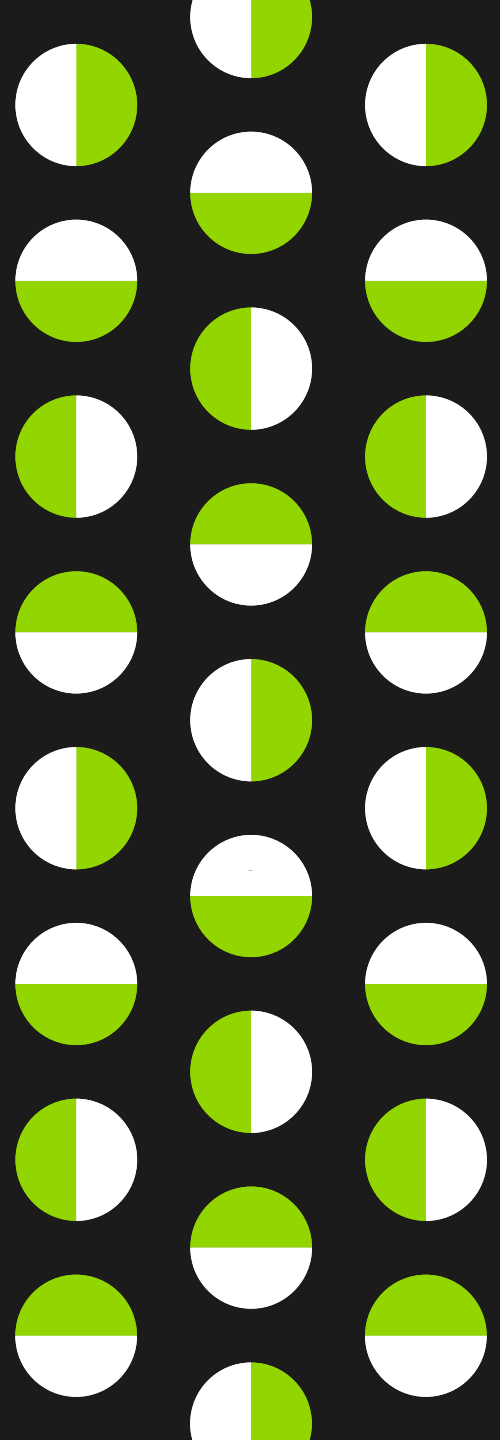
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- ❑ Guides financial and IT governance initiatives of federal defense and civilian agencies
- ❑ CPA, Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), Certified Information Security Manager (CISM), and Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)
- ❑ Leads the Washington Metro Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE DC)
- ❑ Key contributor on multiple federal agencies in obtaining audit opinions and remediating material weaknesses and significant deficiencies
- ❑ Bridges financial management and IT teams to enable accurate financial reporting and enhance risk-based information system operations and security

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# Poll Question 1

How familiar are you with FISCAM and NIST SP 800-53A?

- 1 *What is FISCAM and NIST SP 800-53A?*
- 2 *I have heard of them, but I have a different focus area.*
- 3 *I am familiar enough to be dangerous.*
- 4 *I have wonderful dreams about FISCAM and NIST SP 800-53A every night.*

## Poll Question 2

In your opinion, how collaborative are the OCIO and OCFO of your organization?

- 1 *It is best not to respond.*
- 2 *It has significant improvement opportunities.*
- 3 *They try their best to collaborate, but their priorities differ.*
- 4 *The “C” in OCIO and OCFO stands for “collaboration.”*

# Thank You.

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