

# **Fact Sheet Forensic Accounting Services**

The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners reports that fraudulent activities cost American business approximately 7% of total revenues in 2008. If you are concerned about the reliability and integrity of you business reporting systems, consider our Forensic Accounting Services. We go beyond the simple accounting and financial reporting where other firms stop, to the core of your business. We evaluate the basic structure of your business, from the integrity of your sales force, to the honesty of your inventory and cash management professionals, to the security of your key business assets, both tangible and intangible, to the comprehensiveness of your financial audits.

If you want the peace of mind to know you operations are free of financial crime, or if you suspect you have been a victim of fraudulent dealings, if you want to know the depth of any loss, to know why your you are working more and enjoying it less, call on the Forensic Audit Team of Balog + Tamburri, CPA's for an in-depth financial investigation.

Our Forensic Accounting Services are not just for the big publicly traded corporations. The National Commission on Fraudulent Activities reported that:

- Most cases of fraud were in organizations of less than 100 employees.
- ♦ The number of reported fraud cases in publicly held and privately held companies was about equal
- ◆ External CPAs were in collusion or knew about the fraud and did nothing in over 50% of all frauds.

Our seasoned team of CPA's, forensic accountants, legal professionals, and criminal investigators brings you over 150 years of combined forensic experience to ensure the thorough investigation of every potential avenue. In addition, we combine the review of your internal control structure in every forensic examination to identify other areas of potential fraud. We help close the gate **before** the horse if gone.

Our Forensic Audit Services Team specializes in the following areas:

- "Smoking Gun" Investigations
- Determination of the "Red Flags" of fraud
- Expert Witness Testimony and Litigation Support
- Determination of Fraud Loss
- Evaluation of Fraud and Security Control Structures

If you would like a "Red Flag" fraud review, or an analysis of the current system of fraud prevention controls contact Balog + Tamburri. CPA's today for a free, no-obligation consultation. We will show you how our forensic audit team can put and keep your business on solid ground.

#### What We Do:

Our Forensic Audit Team is committed to assisting our client organizations identify both the perpetrators of fraud, and the areas that are at risk for future fraudulent activities. Through our unique approach, we can rapidly identify the "Smoking Gun," thereby enhancing the potential of apprehending the person or persons responsible for the improper or illegal act. We work directly with your legal council to ensure the admissibility of evidence, utmost discretion, and total support through to the desired resolution of the situation.

### **How We Are Unique:**

Our approach is unique. We don't use your organization to train our professional staff. Every member of our professional staff has more than ten years of direct experience in their respective field of specialization. They are well known for their accomplishments as industry leaders, educators, and consultants. Together, we provide our clients with consultative services that focus on developing solutions that enhance long-term shareholder value. The backgrounds of our staff include audit, accounting, engineering, sales and marketing, information technology, product costing, strategic outsourcing, activity-based costing, strategic management, and tactical decision-making.

Our Forensic Audit Services employ a structured Nine-Step Framework that ensures the profit-enhancement effectiveness of the engagement. This Framework, developed by Balog + Tamburri, CPA's, centers around the development of control-based, cost effective solutions the root causes of out client's challenges, not just a "Quick Fix." Past successes has proven this approach results in a long-lasting, systemic, solution to the current situation, as well as prevention against future similar challenges.

#### How We Do It:

In conducting every audit engagement, we:

- Develop a long-range plan that focuses on the opportunities and threats affecting your business processes
- Work with operational and financial personnel to define the critical control points of each process
- Define the operational controls currently inherent in the processes that prevent or detect threats
- Develop systemic solutions which eliminate the causes of specific threats, and which, in turn enhance the total value chain of your organization.

#### What You Gain:

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An audit should provide three specific deliverables:

- 1) Value-Driven Recommendations that enhance your firm's ability to achieve specific and long-range objectives
- 2) A clear road map of how to manage the change process during the implementation of those recommendations
- 3) The ability to recognize the need for change in the future, coupled with the ability to do it right the first time.

For additional information, please feel free to call or email our Managing Partner, Rick Balog, CPA\CFF, at one of the contact points listed below.

Due to the strategic importance of many of our consulting engagements, many of our clients wish to maintain the nature of our work as confidential. However, a partial listing of references is available upon request. Please visit our web site at <a href="https://www.flgacpa.com">www.flgacpa.com</a> for additional information regarding the products and services provided by Balog + Tamburri, CPA's.

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