

AGA DC CHAPTER TRAINING

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## **Emerging Technologies for Internal Controls**



## Speakers



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## Agenda

- Internal Control Tools at Diplomatic Security
- RPA at the State of Tennessee
- Q&A



## **Internal Control Tools at Diplomatic Security**





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## **About Diplomatic Security**

### Our Vision

Be an Agile and Proactive Intelligence-led Security and Law Enforcement Organization to Further Diplomacy Around the World

### **Our Mission**

Lead Worldwide Security and Law Enforcement Efforts to Advance U.S. Foreign Policy and Safeguard National Security Interests





**EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR INTERNAL CONTROLS** 

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## **DS Comptroller – Audit Activities**

- Liaison for all DS audit requests (PBCs, Invoice Audits, OIG)
- Internal control reviews
- Audit finding remediation
- Unliquidated Obligations (ULO) "Audit"





## **Technologies for Audit and Internal Control**

- DS has implemented several tools to enhance audit support and internal control functions
  - Data Visualization/Dashboards
  - Robotic Process Automation (RPA)
  - Low-code apps MS Dynamics and PowerApps



# Poll #1: Are you utilizing RPA for internal control/audit?

Yes
 No
 Looking into it
 Don't think it's feasible



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## **Dashboards – Audit Requests**

- Utilize PowerBI dashboard posted on MS 365 SharePoint site
- Tracks all DS audit requests
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  - External Audit PBCs
  - Quarterly Improper Payment/Invoice Audit
  - Financial Reporting Data Calls
  - OIG and other audits

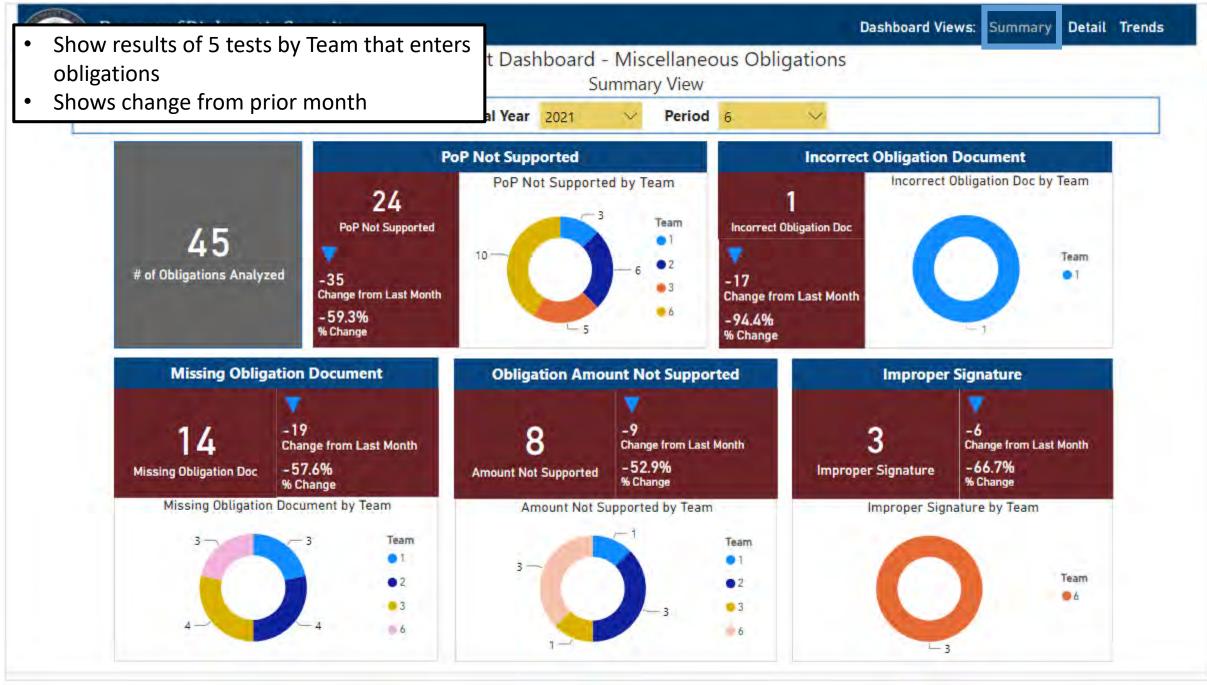




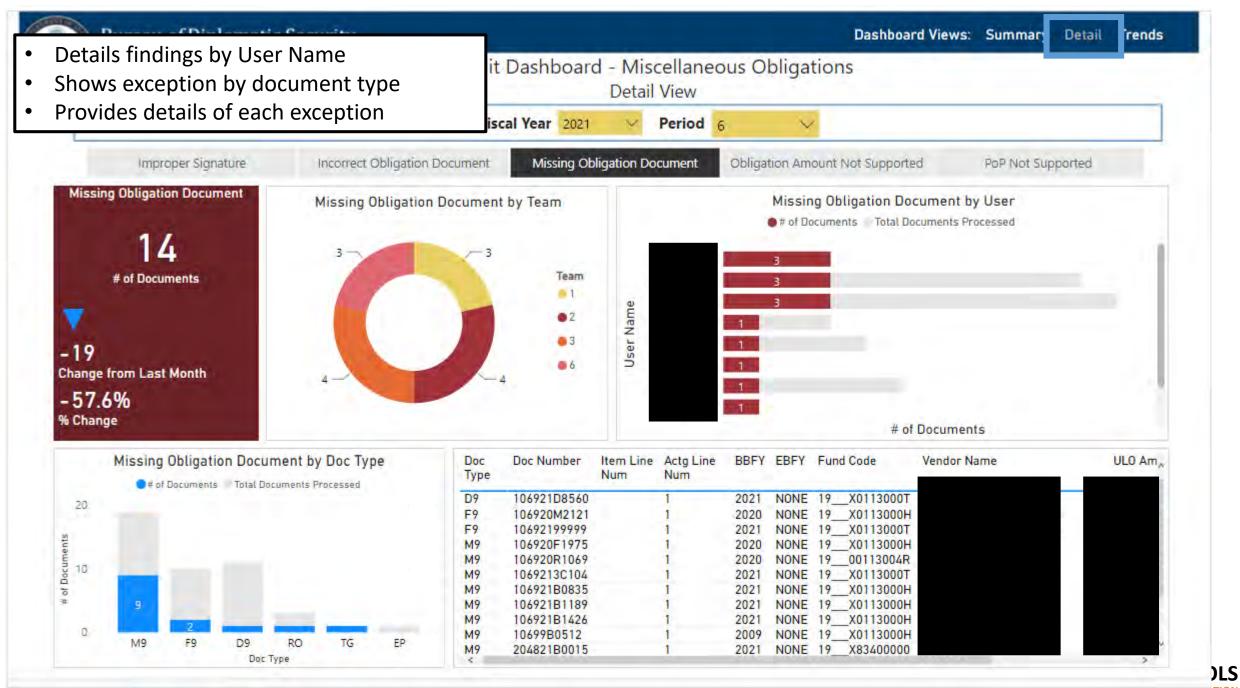
## **Dashboards – Internal Controls: Obligations Review**

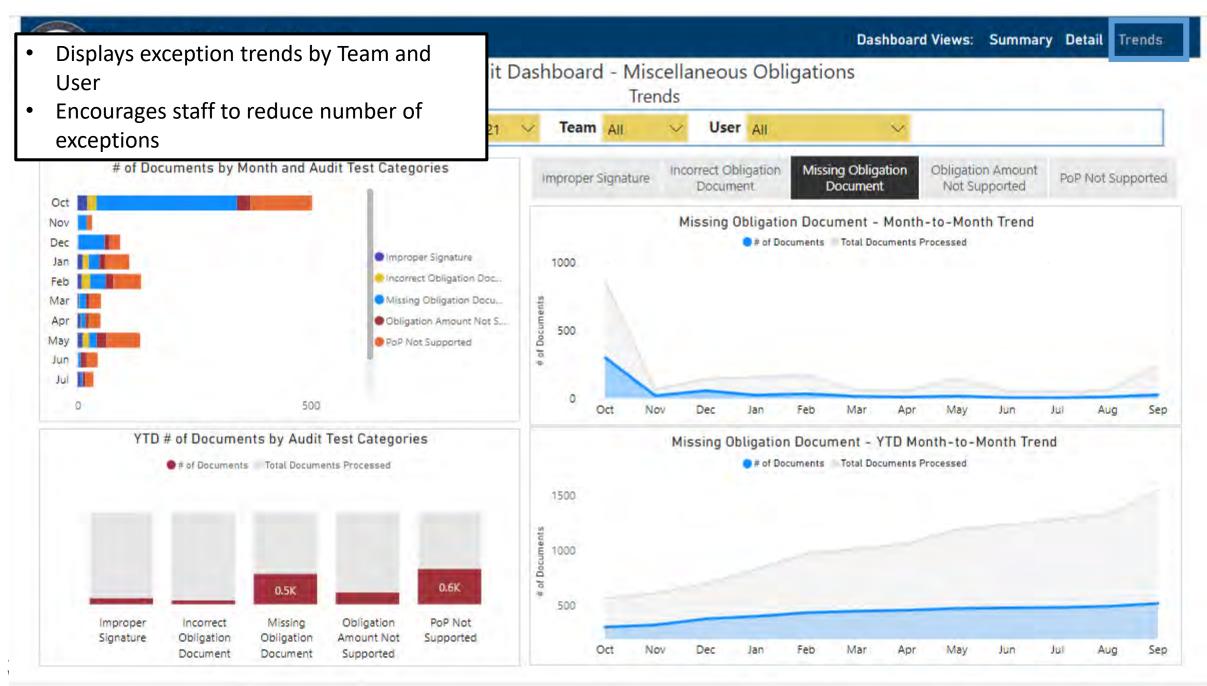
- Perform monthly review of obligating documents
- Dashboard the results of tests at Summary, Detail and Trend levels
- Share dashboard with staff showing findings by user to encourage improvements and decrease numbers of exceptions





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### **Obligations Review – Envisioned Enhancements**

- RPA to pull all obligating docs from financial system and populate in sample folders
- AI/ICR: Exploring AI/intelligent character recognition (ICR) to "read" documents as a person would to support audits
  - ICR would be able to verify signatures, dates, amounts, and even scope of contracts and obligating documents



## **RPA – Internal Controls: Capitalized Equipment**

- Perform monthly review of all newly purchased capital equipment based on prior year audit findings
- Use RPA to automate testing and compare 100% of data across three systems
  - GFMS Financial system of record, G/L
  - ILMS Asset system of record
  - CMMS DS equipment procurement and management system

#### **Envisioned Enhancements**

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- Dashboards in progress
- Further bots to test disposals, transfers and documentation

Quarterly Analysis -				
Baseline				
Scope	All capit	All capital security Equipment (\$25K or greater)		
Period:	FY 22 Pe	FY 22 Period 3 analysis - December 2021		
1. CMMS to ILMS to GFMS				
TEST	YES	% Match	NO	% Exception
TEST 1: Asset Exists in All 3 Systems	? 55		8	
TEST 2: Location Matches in All 3 Systems?				
	51	81%	12	19%
TEST 3: Serial # Matches in All 3 Systems?	55	87%	8	13%
TEST 4: Acq/Creation Date Matches All 3 Systems?	55	87%	8	13%
TEST 5: In Serv/Creation Date Match in All 3 Systems?	55	87%	8	13%
TEST 6: Asset Value Matches in All 3 Systems?	52	83%	11	17%
2. ILMS to CMMS to GFMS				
TEST	YES	% Match	NO	% Exception
TEST 1: Asset Exists in All 3 Systems	? 55	100%	0	0%
TEST 2: Asset Value Matches in All 3 Systems?	52	95%	3	5%
TEST 3: Serial # Matches in All 3 Systems?	55	100%	0	0%
TEST 4: Location Matches in All 3 Systems?				
	51	93%	4	7%
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cumentation				



### **Dashboards & RPA – Internal Controls: Invoices**

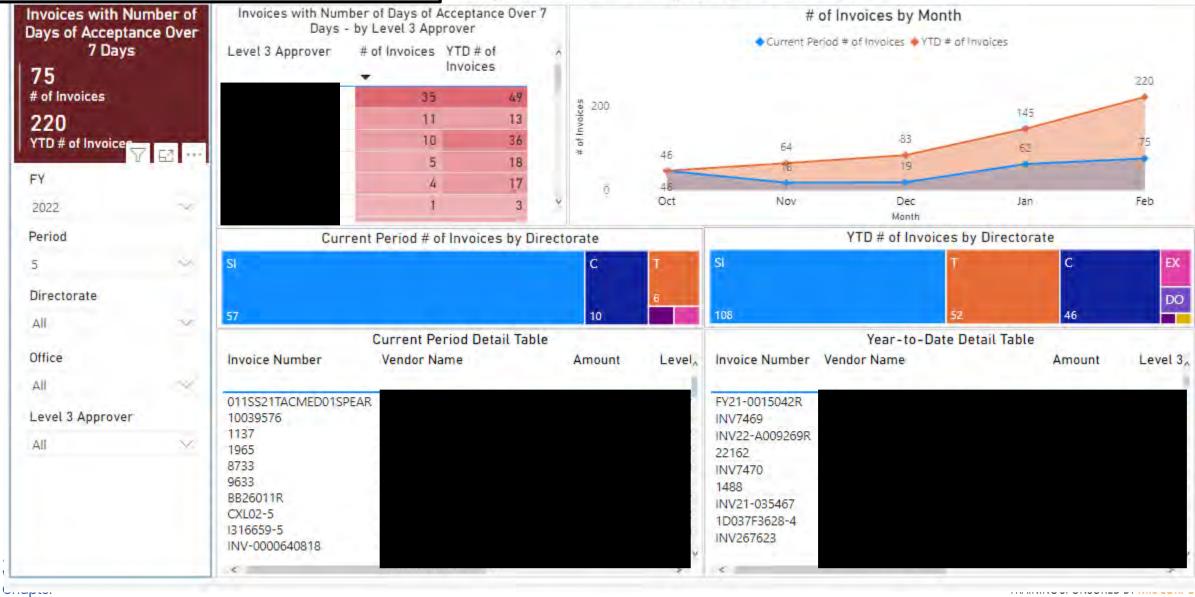
- Perform monthly review of invoice review/approval, compliance with 7-day rule
- Utilize RPA (PowerAutomate) to pull key dates from invoice emails
- Dashboard the results by user and shows trends
- Identifies need for invoice approver/COR training



- Details findings by User Name •
- Shows exception trends ٠
- Provides details of each exception ۲

#### **IPP Invoice Days of Acceptance Dashboard**

Tracking Invoices with Number of Days of Acceptance Over 7 Days



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### Low-Code Apps – Internal Controls: ULO Audit

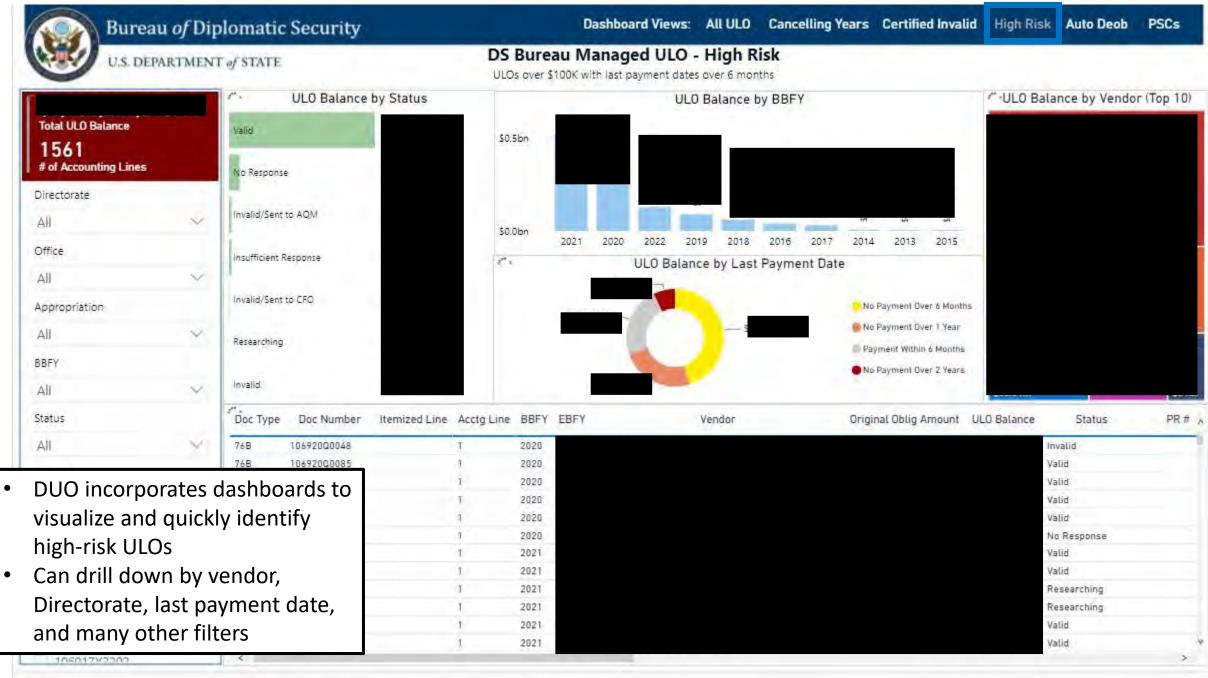
- DS developed MS Dynamics app to manage unliquidated obligations named "DUO"
- App incorporates PowerApps and PowerBI to support monthly ULO management
- Once a year, DS utilizes DUO to perform internal audit of high-risk ULOs to mitigate financial statement audit findings





- DUO resource managers (RM) respond to workflow requests to support high priority ULOs for upcoming audit
- RMs update each ULO status with comments via form view or Excel upload of multiple rows
- RMs can reference PRs deobligating funds and upload documents supporting the ULO status
- Once complete, DS Comptroller reviews and sends data forward to State
   Comptroller





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## **Envisioned Enhancements/Next Steps**

- AI/ICR: Exploring AI/intelligent character recognition (ICR) to "read" documents as a person would to support audits
  - ICR would be able to verify signatures, dates, amounts, and even scope of contracts and obligating documents
- Further RPA
  - Bots to pull supporting docs from systems of record (contracts, IAAs, RWAs, invoices, misc obligating docs, etc.)
  - Bots to automatically create sample folders for both PBC requests and internal audits, and prepopulate with supporting documentation
  - Bots to perform further tests and reconciliations of 100% of data!



## Poll #2: What Emerging Tech for Internal Controls Do You Find Most Exciting?

RPA
 AI/ML
 Low-Code Apps
 Blockchain



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### Leveraging RPA Statewide

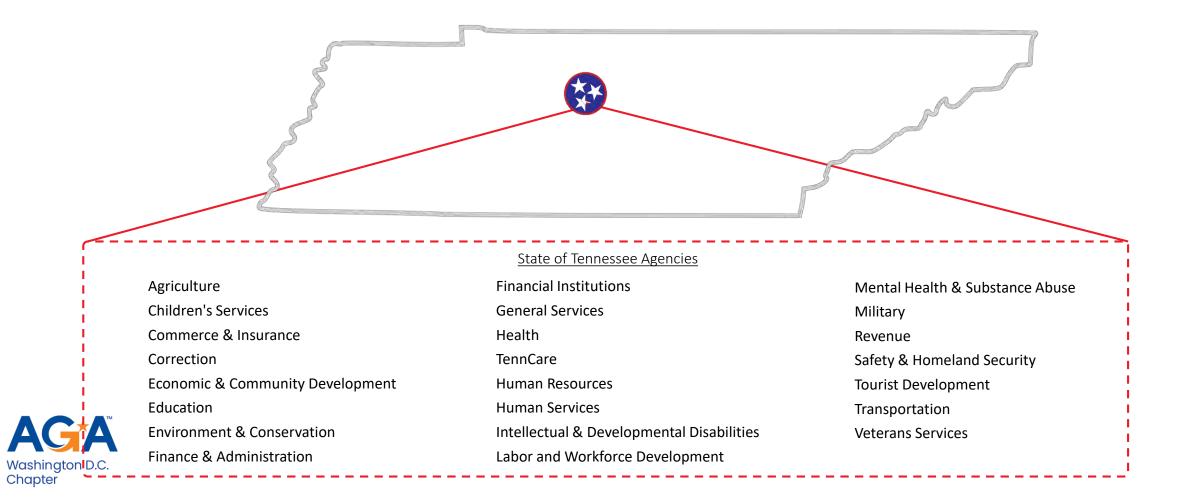
- Intelligent Automation Tools are used Statewide to implement Process Automation. Initially starting with Finance and Administration Agency.
  - This includes the following Divisions are related to Financial Operations:
    - Accounts
    - Budget
    - Administration
    - Fiscal Office
    - Internal Audit
- We have developed multiple bots that are used across 20-54 Agency Divisions. Providing an unprecedented economies of scale and savings. These bots were around Accounts, Project Planning, HR, and Business Administration.
- To support Shared Services, Process Candidates are Standardized across organizations, Optimized leveraging Lean Six Sigma, then Automated.



### **Process Automation Program Overview**

#### High Visibility & Impact across the State

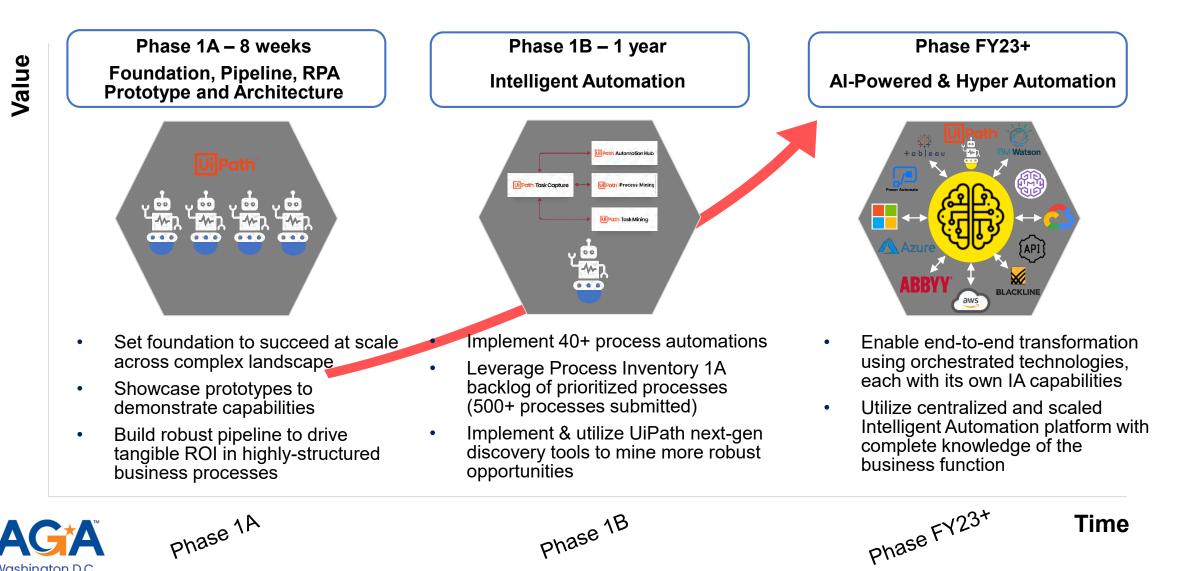
State of TN is establishing a "best-in-class" automation program in Tennessee, setting the standard to serve all 23 State Agencies. This Process Automation



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### **Our Governance Approach to Process Automation**

Based on industry best practices and the nature of BPA, a program has been established to initiate with a centralized delivery center to a federated at scale operating model

Centralized* ~1-2 years**	Partial federation ~2+ years**	Federated at scale	Decentralized
<ul> <li>Provide complete end-to-end solutions for BPA capabilities</li> <li>Incubates skills and best practices for development</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provide enterprise solutions in support of BPA capabilities (e.g., process controls)</li> <li>Provides QA Gates for Design and Development</li> <li>Owns Deployment and Operations</li> </ul>	Provide and measure the execution of strategies, policies, standards, processes and procedures	Act as an informed stakeholder to facilitate strategy and consult on execution
<ul> <li>Ensures strong governance and wel- developed processes</li> <li>Allows for a factory delivery model</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Allows the agencies to own and deploy BPA teams directly</li> <li>Uses the CoE to enforce the best practices</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Allows the agencies to own and deploy BPA teams directly</li> <li>Reduces the size of a central function while</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Allows agencies to direct BPA efforts and deploy solutions quickly</li> <li>Supports agency-driven culture</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Prevents rogue one off development</li> <li>Requires an incubation period for learning and establishing the operating model</li> <li>Does not emphasize agency control</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>and facilitate ongoing operations</li> <li>Requires time for federated teams to become familiar with BPA best practices</li> <li>Requires moderate success with a centralized model first</li> </ul>	investment from agencies for new roles	<ul> <li>Not an integrated environment and costs more long term</li> <li>Can't ensure best practices are consistently leveraged</li> <li>Creates additional risks and a lack of firm- wide transparency</li> </ul>

#### Increased BPA Program maturity and experience

\*Current State. \*\*Time frame is dependent on multiple factors including investment and commitment

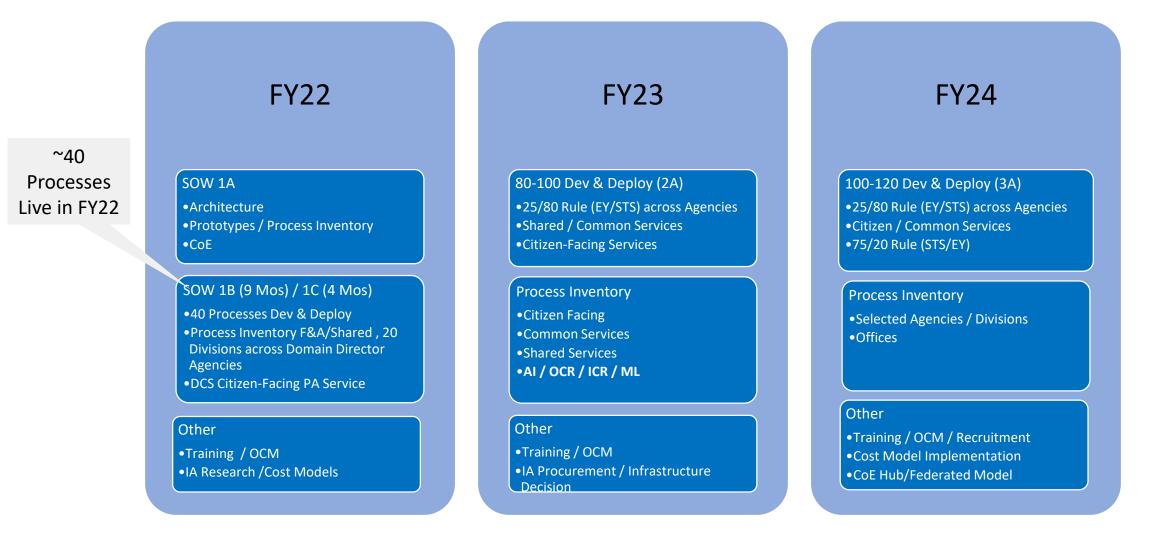
## **Poll #3: What RPA Governance Model Does Your Organization Utilize?**

1. Decentralized

- 2. Centralized
- 3. Federated
- 4. Don't know or We Don't Use RPA



## **Tentative 3 Year Process Automation Plan**



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**Process Automation Program** 

#### **Process Automation Go-Live Notification**

#### Who:

Agency: STS – Strategic Technology Solutions

- Division: Enterprise Governance and Administration (EGA)
- Use Case Name: STS Planview Rate Adjustment

#### What:

An internal automation will now assist STS – Enterprise Governance and Administration (EGA). This notification serves as an awareness to the interested parties regarding the go-live date and an overview summary of the process automation's scheduled activities.

#### When:

The process will go live on 03/28/2022.



#### PROCESS AUTOMATION OVERVIEW

- Retrieves input file containing billing and cost rate adjustments that need to be made for employees and contractors.
- Logs into Planview and updates the new billing and/or cost rate adjustment for each





State of Tennessee Process Automation Team



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Operational, Support, & Executive Dashboarding

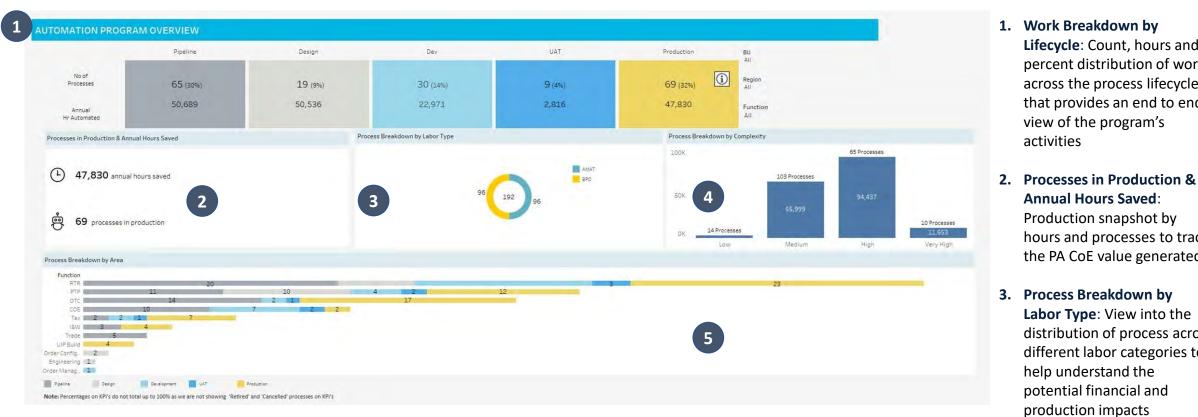


2. Success Rate= sum(Successful Transaction + Busniess Exception) / sum(Successful Transaction + Busniess Exception)



- 1. Operations summary: Total transactions processed by the Automated Solutions and number of processes in production
- 2. Transactions details: Breakdown of the transactions by status
- 3. Success rate by process area: Percentage of success by the different process areas where automations are available
- 4. Success rate by complexity: Percentage of success by the complexity of the use cases

Operational, Support, & Executive Dashboarding



Lifecycle: Count, hours and

across the process lifecycle

that provides an end to end

view of the program's

Annual Hours Saved:

3. Process Breakdown by

help understand the

production impacts

potential financial and

Production snapshot by

hours and processes to track

the PA CoE value generated

Labor Type: View into the distribution of process across

different labor categories to

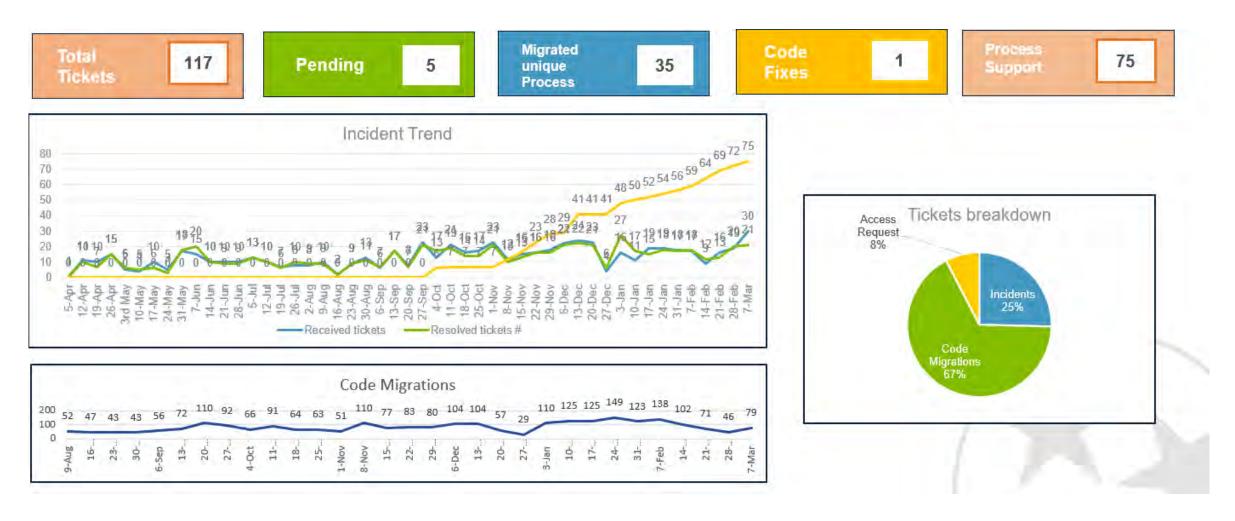
activities

percent distribution of work

- 4. Process Breakdown by Complexity: Provides a view into the distribution of automations based on complexity and hours. This view shares an insight into the distribution of the CoE's team efforts and the velocity of change
- 5. Process Breakdown by Area: Process count breakdown by agency to understand the volume of activities and time committed to each agency



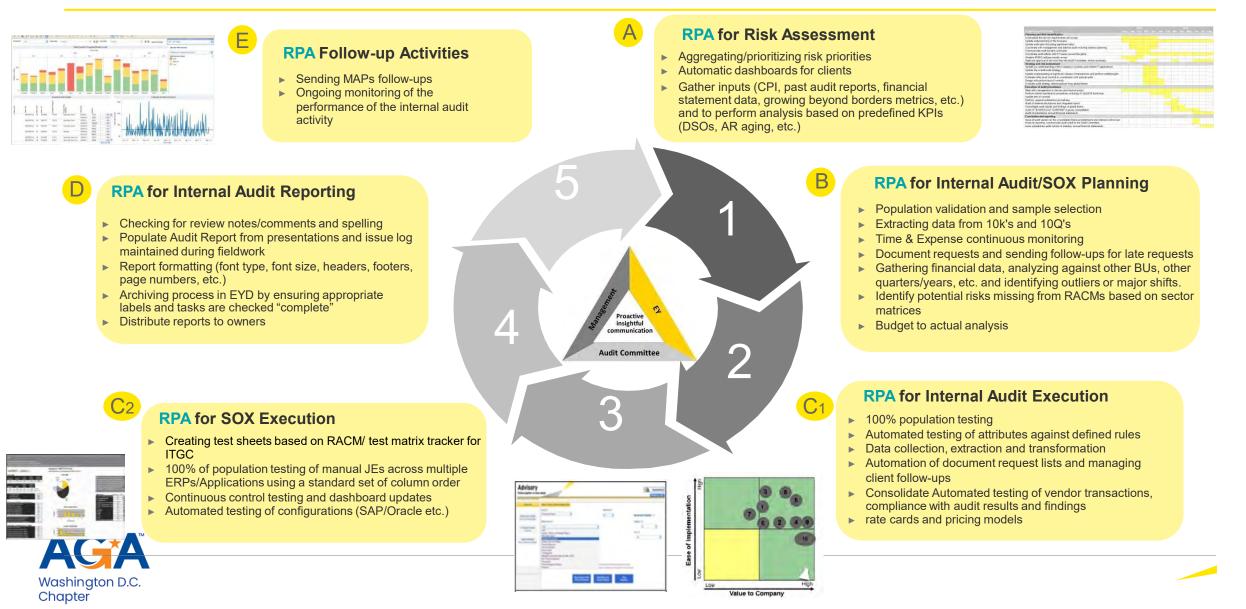
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### **Automation "Hot Spots"**

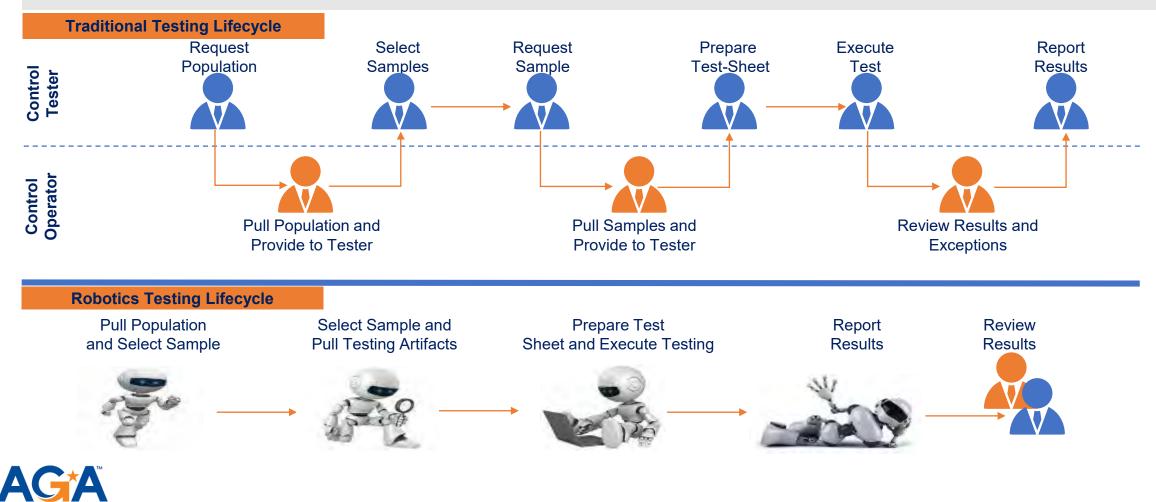
What to Look for in Risks & Controls



### **Automation "Hot Spots"**

What does an automated testing environment look like?

The testing lifecycle traditionally has many hand off points and activities interdependent on control tester and operator coordination. Much time is incurred pulling materials to prepare for and execute control testing. RPA enabled testing allows up to 100% testing automation, greatly reducing friction around the testing life cycle.

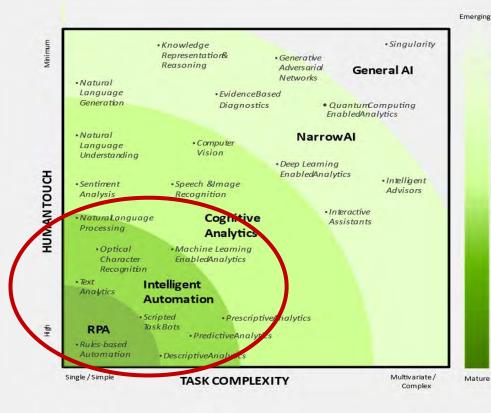


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## **Intelligent Automation Module 3 Year Roadmap**

### The Artificial Intelligence Spectrum



#### **General AI** (Automates HumanIntelligence)

Machine intelligence that fully replicates human intelligence , including independent learning and decision making

#### Narrow AI (Augments HumanIntelligence)

Applies deep statistical learning to train models to become more precise and efficient over time in predictions and judgment

#### Cognitive Analytics(MimicsHumanJudgment)

Transforms extensive, unstructured data into meaningful, focused, human-like insights and recommendations upon which a human can act; can scale complexity and judgment through application of Machine Learning

#### IntelligentAutomation (Automates HumarWorkflow)

Use of Natural Language Processing and Machine Learning to enable processing of unstructured data, predictive and prescriptive analytics and automation of tasks that involve judgment

#### Robotic Process Automation(AutomatesTasks)

Mimics humans performing rules -based tasks to improve efficiency, quality, and accuracy of process outcomes, as well as increase flexibility and opportunity to scale



## Poll #4: What Will be the Biggest Impact on Internal Control/Audit from Automation?

1. Time Savings

- 2. More confidence in audit opinion
- 3. More comprehensive testing
- 4. I can retire and let the bot do it



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