

## **Management Minute: How Segregation of Duties Safeguards Federal Funds**

William Maes: Segregation of duties is an internal control which requires multiple people to perform a task. There are two goals:

The first goal is to reduce the opportunity for fraud by having more than one person involved in a transaction. It's easier to detect wrongdoing and more difficult to get a group of people to agree to a crime.

The second goal is to reduce the chance of error in data. A strong internal control system has several people entering and reviewing transactions, so data has a higher level of integrity.

Segregation of duties will support a strong fiscal management system and reward you with good audit outcomes.