Internal Audit (ACCT 337)

Chapter 4
Enterprise Risk Management (ERM)

Definition of Risk

• According to COSO: The possibility that an event will occur and adversely affect the entity ability to achieve its objectives.



• Single Objective — Multiple Risks



ERM is needed to:

- 1. understand
- 2. Assess
- 3. manage risks across the organization

COSO ERM Framework

- Published in 2004 by COSO
- Expanded on COSO 1 (Internal Controls –Integrated Framework)
- Enterprise risk management is a process, effected by an entity's board of directors, management and other personnel, applied in strategy setting and across the enterprise, designed to identify potential events that may affect the entity, and manage risk to be within its risk appetite, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of the entity objectives.

COSO ERM CUBE

3D Matrix:

- 1. Types of Objectives: 4 types
- 2. ERM Components: 8 Interrelated components
- 3. Organization Business Structure



ERM Components C1- Internal Environment

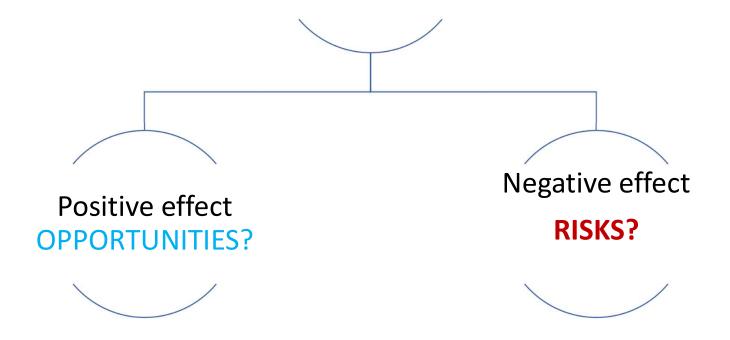
- Foundation for all other components
- Include:
 - Risk management philosophy
 - Risk appetite
 - BOD
 - Integrity and ethical values
 - Organization structure
 - Assignment of authority and responsibility
 - HR policies and procedures

ERM Components C2- Objective Setting

- Four types of objectives
- Precondition?

ERM Components C3- Event Identification

Potential Events



ERM Components

C4- Risk Assessment

Two perspectives

- IMPACT
- LIKELIHOOD

Two RA methods

- Quantitative
- Qualitative

Two levels of risks

- Inherent risk: gross, before any management action (control)
- Residual risk: net, after management action (control)

Realistic Worst Case Impact and Likelihood Assessment of Risks

ERM Components C5- Risk Response

- Factors to consider:
 - Risk Rating
 - Cost and benefit
 - Risk residual and risk tolerance
- Four Types (Strategies) of Risk Reponses
 - 1. Avoidance?
 - 2. Reduction?
 - 3. Sharing?
 - 4. Acceptance?

ERM Components C6- Control Activities

Ps & PS to help ensure that risk Reponses are carried out.

Risk Reduction Strategy.

Examples:

- Top Level Reviews
- Direct Functional or Activity Management Review
- Physical Controls
- SOD : A/R/C/R

ERM Components C7- Information and Communication

Information is identified.

Information is communicated to enable people to carry out their responsibilities.

Forms of communication Ps&Ps, emails, memos...etc.

ERM Components C8- Monitoring

To assess the existence and functioning of all other ERM components over time.



Two methods

- Self Assessment
- Separate Evaluations: IA, External Auditor

Chief Risk Officer (CRO)

Senior management position

Focal point to facilitate RM activities

Risk Management and Compliance Fuction

ERM Responsibilities

BOD?

Management?

Internal Auditor?

End of Chapter