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Effective Internal Audit = Effective Quality Management System



A well-organized internal auditing is vital in monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of an organization's quality management system (QMS). Thus, with trained and efficient internal auditors and sound internal audit system in place, any organization like the DILG will be able to breeze through the ISO certification audit.

The Internal Audit Service (IAS) of the DILG, tasked to assist the Secretary in promoting effective, efficient, ethical and economical operations by appraising the adequacy of internal controls, is prepping up to ensure DILG's effective QMS thru its conduct of internal audits at planned intervals on the processes enrolled in the QMS.

To carry out this role, the entire staff of IAS attended a workshop in Tagaytay City recently to prepare the Internal Quality Audit (IQA) forms (Audit Program, Audit Plan and Audit Checklist) which are essential in adherence to the requirements for ISO Certification.

"In line with the implementation of the Department's QMS, this activity will prepare our Internal Quality Auditors to be competent in the

conduct of the actual Internal Quality Audit/ Pre-Certification Review before the first semester ends," IAS OIC Director Sara Jane M. Cerezo said.

She also added that the activity is in conformity with the drafting of IQA forms which enables IAS to consistently adhere to the requirements of the ISO Standard.

During the workshop, the IQ Auditors revisited and revised the Internal Quality Audit Plan for submission to Assistant Secretary Ester A. Aldana, Deputy Quality Management Representative of the DILG, 22 days after the approval of the Audit Program.

Common ISO clauses were also identified as guide in the conduct of the audit per process/procedure.

In addition, IQ Auditors were able to customize the IQ Audit Checklist, covering all the enrolled processes of the DILG Central Office - QMS.

The conduct of the IQ Audit will start on April 7 and end on May 23, 2016.

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We, the DILG Central Office, commit to formulate sound policies and provide effective technical and administrative services to promote excellence in local governance, strengthen local government capacities, and enhance the service delivery of our Regional and Field Offices.