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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

LIZ WELCH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TO: Accounting Directors

FROM: Princess Bender, Director
Office of Fiscal Management

DATE: September 17, 2026

SUBJECT: Internal Control Assessments

The Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) is requesting that agencies perform their annual assessment of internal controls. According to Section 7-7-3(6) (d), Miss. Code Ann. as amended, each agency is required to maintain internal audit controls covering the agency's financial activities and identify and correct any weakness that could hinder the agency's ability to comply with legal and audit standards. Evaluating, designing, and implementing Internal Controls is the responsibility of the agency.

The Internal Control Assessments and Certification Letter are located in the MAAPP Manual, Section 30, under DFA Offices, Fiscal Management web page, below Fiscal Management Forms. The Internal Control Assessments along with the Certification Letter are due **December 31, 2026**.

Once complete, please email assessments to ofm.bfm@dfa.ms.gov. If you have any questions regarding internal control assessments or certification, please contact Paula Scott at Paula.Scott@dfa.ms.gov or 601-359-9416.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Princess Bender".

Princess Bender