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New Board, New Day

- Entirely new Board, from across spectrum of viewpoints and experience
- Collaboration is key
- Transparency is a priority
- Outreach, outreach, outreach
Strategy: A Clean Sheet of Paper

- Outside Consultant
- Internal and External Surveys
- Draft Strategic Plan
Creating the Draft Strategic Plan

• Board Collaboration
• Published on August 10, 2018
• Mission, Vision, Values, Goals, and Objectives
Areas of Strategic Focus

• Enhancing approach to driving continuous improvement in audit quality
• Being more innovative in our oversight activities
• Engaging more often and more directly with stakeholders
• Optimizing operations and enhancing culture
1. Drive improvement in the quality of audit services through a combination of prevention, detection, deterrence, and remediation.

2. Anticipate and respond to the changing environment, including emerging technologies and related risks and opportunities

3. Enhance transparency and accessibility through proactive stakeholder engagement

4. Pursue operational excellence through efficient and effective use of our resources, information, and technology

5. Develop, empower, and reward our people to achieve our shared goals
Comments on the Draft Strategic Plan

- Categories of commenters
- Overall support
- Comments on the plan
- Comments on implementation
- Careful consideration
Transformation Projects

• Reassessment of the Inspections Eco-System
• Multiple Projects
• Resources
Data and Technology

- Current and Emerging Technologies
- PCAOB’s Research Project
- Data and Technology Task Force
Inspections Update

• Recent Trends in Inspection Results
• New Accounting Standards
• Cybersecurity
Update on Standard-Setting

• Using the Work of Specialists
• Auditing Accounting Estimates
• Supervision of Audits Involving Other Auditors
Questions?
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