University's Enterprise Directory System

The University Enterprise Directory is a centralized repository of directory and other institutional information supported with computer and network systems. It is a mission critical system that stores contact information and identification numbers for University faculty, staff, students, and other affiliates depending on its accuracy. With the University identification number (UFID) assigned automatically by the Directory, departments rely on the Directory to establish and maintain affiliation with the University for individuals. The OACR audit conducted this quarter reflected the Directory to be secure and reliable. Reported concerns, such as duplicate records and invalid birthdates and development standards for data quality and validation will be addressed.

Flair Transition to Peoplesoft: Audit & Certification

As part of the transition from the Florida Accounting Information Resource Subsystem (FLAIR) to Peoplesoft for financial accounting/reporting and payroll processing on July 1, 2004, OACR is providing limited scope audits of the Finance, Human Resources and Payroll modules. The audits emphasize the evaluation of key controls in the implemented business systems, including adequate segregation of duties; integrity reliability and adequacy of information including data required by the Board of Education and the Legislature; and modular security. The audits are scheduled to be completed before implementation and will help ensure that adequate controls exist and are functioning adequately for the required certifications before the transition date of July 1, 2004.
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Travel Funded by Support Organizations

University travel may be funded by state funds and funds from affiliated organizations. Rules that govern travel funded by these affiliated organizations vary. Advance travel authorization, which documents the approval of work status outside of the primary location and provides for the commitment of funds, has not generally been required by affiliated organizations. Travel expenditures reviewed were authorized and adequately supported. Audit concerns to be addressed included the implementation of institutional travel policies and procedures, the requirement that authorizations for travel be in advance of travel and be documented, including the funds to be utilized; and the requirement that all travel reimbursements be signed by the traveler acknowledging that reimbursement has not been requested from other sources.