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# IMS Compliance Review



## TESTING FOR IMS COMPLIANCE AND EXCELLENCE

We have distilled our knowledge of government and industry IMS requirements into an audit with over 100 tests. Tests are weighted by importance, and, for ease of understanding, grouped by function. The outbrief we produce at the completion of the Review recaps compliance and general schedule and cost management issues, and provides specific action items for improvement.

Test	Information Sources (& Disclaimers)	Test	Weight	Actual Score	Findings	Action Items
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A detailed debriefing pinpoints actions for MS compliance.

## WHY PARTNER WITH SMA FOR IMS?

SMA has been an industry leader in the development and evaluation of schedules for federal programs for more than 35 years. With more than 100 top scheduler/planner/cost management specialists, we have helped more than 400 companies/programs implement and maintain schedule and cost management systems. Our specialty is clients who have programs with mandated earned value management system (EVMS) requirements.

Other Program Planning and Control offerings:

- Cost/schedule management
- EVMS consulting/training
- Project planning
- Cost/schedule staffing

## Fixing IMS Compliance Problems and Avoiding a Government Audit

CASE STUDY

SMA was retained by a systems integration/information technology company to assist with the IMS for a large federal program. Their government customer was unhappy with quality and compliance issues, and was considering formal action.

Over a period of three days, we conducted an IMS Compliance Review. By examining program documents, testing IMS data and procedures, and speaking with key program people, we uncovered significant IMS compliance issues with DID 81650 requirements and EIA-748 standard guidelines. After briefing the client, SMA was hired to take corrective actions, and then re-audit the program's IMS.

Our client's government customer was pleased with the results, determining there was no need to file a Corrective Action Request or further audit the contractor's IMS. Our client had a more accurate and useful schedule management capability, and a happier, more trusting customer.



With an IMS Compliance Review and follow-on actions, the client avoided a formal government audit.

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