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## **CHICK FAULTS ITA CONTRACTING**

*Audit Finds Lack of Accountability and Circumvention of Process  
Potential for "Misuse or Abuse of Public Dollars"*

Los Angeles – The City’s Information Technology Agency (ITA) “systematically skirted” contracting requirements and avoided scrutiny according to an audit released by City Controller Laura Chick.

“ITA cannot demonstrate that the outsourcing of work is awarded through fair and open competition, that the decisions are beneficial to the public, and that the agreements are detailed to ensure the public receives full value for what they are paying. This lack of oversight led to increased costs and the potential for misuse or abuse of public dollars,” wrote Chick in a letter to the City’s elected officials.

The ITA is charged with providing the City government with information technology and infrastructure. The Agency has an annual budget of \$100 million.

Chick’s audits of the contracting process include the Airport, Port, Water and Power, Public Works and CRA. Her audit of Fleishman-Hillard Public Relations spurred a recent cash settlement agreement of \$4.5 Million to the City of Los Angeles.

Re-elected overwhelmingly last month to a second four year term, Chick has worked diligently to save taxpayer dollars, improve city services, eliminate waste and open up the City's books to greater public scrutiny.

The complete ITA audit, as well as all of the Controller's audits and reports, can be accessed on her web site at [www.lacity.org/ctr](http://www.lacity.org/ctr).

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