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Advances in technology are coming at us at light speed. And while this phenomenon stands to fundamentally transform all aspects of business and life, few areas are as poised for transformation as the accounting profession. Major shifts in client operations and systems are already occurring, and the time is now for the audit community to embrace the opportunity to evolve our services. In order for this to happen, it's important to understand what exactly is needed to evolve assurance services going forward.

Auditing in the future has four interconnected drivers, each a critical component, that must evolve in order to deliver a transformative outcome:



**TECHNOLOGY:** Big data, artificial intelligence, machine learning, and blockchain are among the types of technology that will enable us to transform our capabilities. The net effect will be more automation of process and more completeness of information to help augment auditor judgment.

**METHODOLOGY:** The way audit and attest services are performed must transform to better automate processes and to help deliver high quality and value engagements. This evolution of methodology should consider how technology can be leveraged to help with your analysis while still adhering to professional standards.

**STANDARDS:** As technology changes what's possible for auditor consideration within assurance services, professional standards are evolving to recognize new sources of information.

**NEW SKILLS:** Upskilling of current talent and recruiting new talent with diverse skills in areas like data science become paramount to success for auditing in the future.

To help the profession navigate these four key drivers by driving innovation in audit and attest services, CPA.com and the AICPA have partnered with CaseWare International to build a transformative solution for firms like yours. The first phase of this partnership: **The OnPoint A&A Suite**

# A&A Suite Overview

The OnPoint A&A Suite is an online suite of products built on the CaseWare Cloud platform designed to fuel and empower transformation of A&A services. The suite brings together a set of unique applications that drive efficiency, quality and value for firms and their clients. CaseWare Cloud equips firms with a leading-edge platform that revolutionizes how firms provide A&A services, all while offering a secure ecosystem to support visibility, collaboration and workflow.

## Core applications of the suite include:

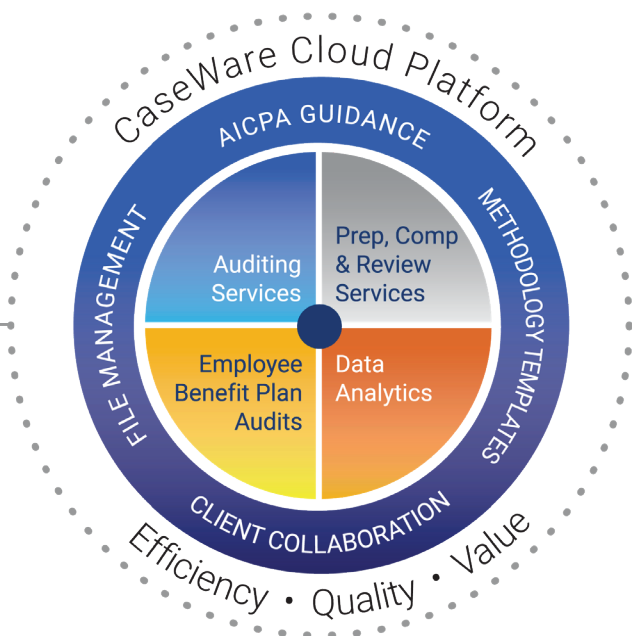
**OnPoint Audit:** A comprehensive cloud-based approach to auditing

**OnPoint PCR:** End to End Preparation, Compilation and Review Engagements

**OnPoint EBP:** Efficient, high quality employee benefit plan audits

**OnPoint AnalyticsAI:** Transaction level, risk-based analysis tools leveraging AI

## OnPoint A&A Suite



## CaseWare Cloud Platform Features

Throughout all OnPoint A&A Suite applications built on the CaseWare Cloud platform, firms gain access to extensive functionality that keep engagements running efficiently and effectively, including:

- Linked methodology
- Engagement status and tracking transparency for team members and clients
- Online, secure chat to facilitate team and client communications
- Standardized predefined and customizable engagement templates to ensure a consistent approach across your firm
- A single source of data that helps eliminate version control issues
- Robust security and reliability that leverages a holistic approach toward protecting your firm

# OnPoint A&A Suite Applications



## OnPoint PCR

**OnPoint PCR** offers a single, integrated end-to-end solution to optimize how you perform your firm's preparation, compilation and review engagements. OnPoint PCR leverages Intelligent Checklists and Guided Engagements to help you start with a simple client intake form from which the engagement is built out and tailored to your client's needs. A complete solution that includes a trial balance, financial reporting, automated letter drafting, and PBC collaboration tools, OnPoint PCR gives you the tools to deliver for clients in less time and with greater confidence.

**Key features include:**

- Integrated PBC documentation/information management
- Automated letter and report drafting
- Linked methodology



## OnPoint Audit

**OnPoint Audit** enables firms to step into a comprehensive cloud-based approach to auditing, significantly reducing manual effort. It brings dramatic improvement to engagement momentum and transparency by integrating PBC requests directly into audit methodology.

**Key features include:**

- A logic-based engagement build
- Transparently linked risks, controls and procedures
- Automated financial reporting

## OnPoint AnalyticsAI

**OnPoint AnalyticsAI** is a risk-based transaction analysis tool that auditors can use to scan large transaction sets and find exceptions that might warrant further investigation. By indicating areas of higher risk, it helps auditors plan their audit. It also enables better client communication and questions during fieldwork, as well as focused sampling toward medium or high risk transactions. OnPoint AnalyticsAI helps drive deep analysis of client data to augment auditor judgement and provide added value for clients.

### Key features include:

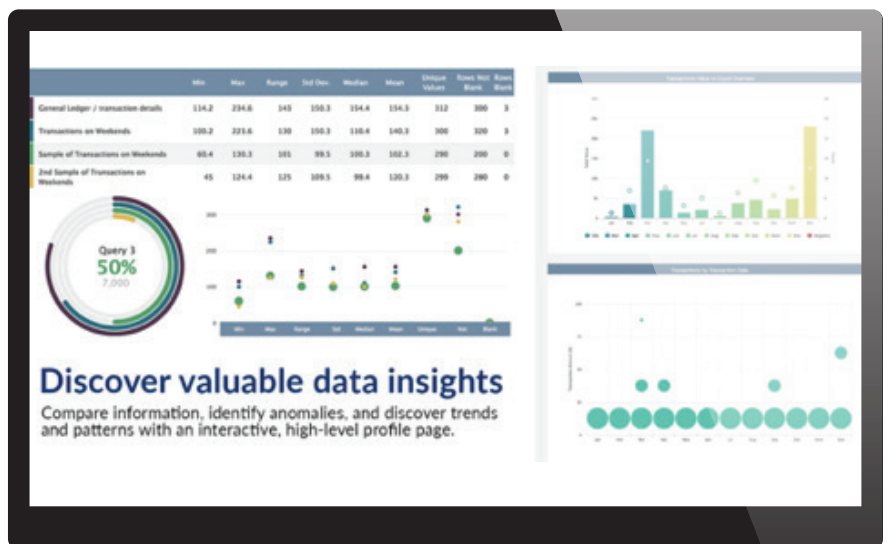
- Simple import & data mapping of complete transaction data sets
- Tailored, risk-based data analysis
- Powerful insights into client data

## OnPoint EBP

**OnPoint EBP** gives firms an end-to-end engagement management solution for completing employee benefit plan audits under current standards. This comprehensive solution streamlines the process, from planning to delivery of the auditor's report by providing dynamic engagement tools, links to authoritative guidance, and practical implementation guidance within one product.

### Key features include:

- Guided AICPA methodology
- Standardized testing templates
- Diagnostics





# The Build to a Dynamic Audit Solution (DAS)

With technology poised to disrupt auditing, new opportunities exist for auditors to leverage AI, automation and data analytics to provide high-quality audits more effectively and efficiently. The largest accounting firms already are moving ahead with their own proprietary platforms. This creates a unique opportunity for a profession-wide effort to ensure firms of all sizes have a defined path to the future. The American Institute of CPAs, CPA.com and participating firms from the AICPA's Major Firms Group<sup>1</sup> are answering that call. On behalf of our members and in service of the public interest, we have set out to develop a transformational audit methodology that modernizes and enhances the quality, efficiency and value of audits.

To achieve this vision, we must rethink the audit from the ground up. It starts by embracing technological disruptions and responding to the changing environment through the development of a comprehensive **Dynamic Audit Solution (DAS)**.

In addition to being developed on the CaseWare Cloud platform, DAS is being built by auditors, for auditors. Together, we can create a significant, transformative and lasting change for all audit professionals and our clients.

DAS is expected to be available for purchase in 2022, though a handful of early adopter firms will be using it prior to commercial launch. This partnership with early adopting DAS firms helps ensure that DAS can execute on the vision of a transformative audit for even the largest of firms.

Small and mid-sized firms may find that the enhanced methodology approach within OnPoint Audit offers an appropriate level of audit transformation for their needs, and OnPoint Audit is available for purchase today. One way or another, we are working to ensure that firms of all sizes are brought forward into a modernized approach to cloud-based auditing.

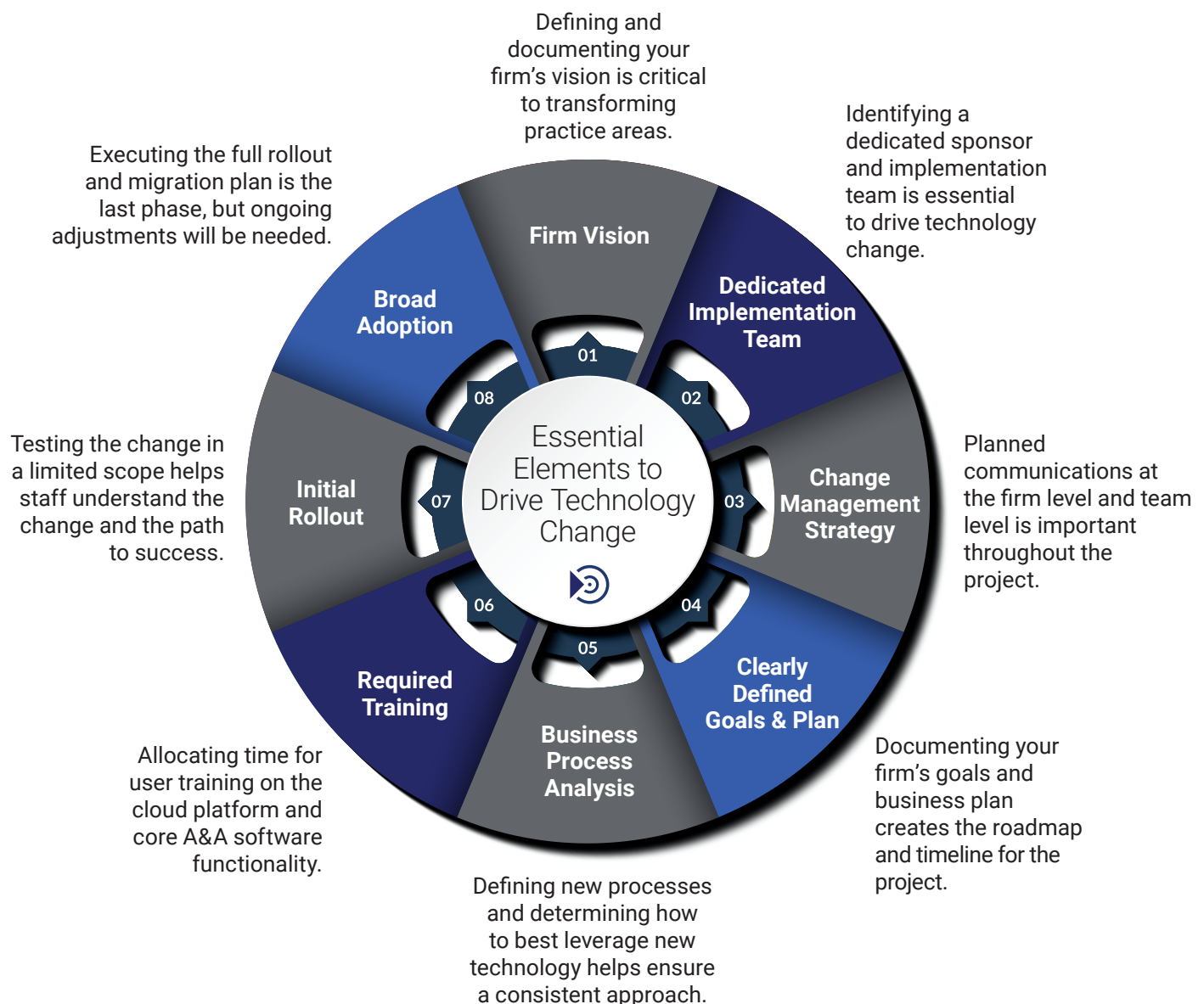


<sup>1</sup> The AICPA's Major Firm Group consists of more than 75 of the nation's top 100 firms. The group serves to represent the interests of national and regional firms and addresses issues affecting the accounting profession.

# Guiding Your Firm Through Successful Technology Change

The services provided by CPA.com are designed to empower firms to meet their A&A goals and provide tailored onboarding, advising, project management, and resources. Successful change incorporates not only the technology, but the people and processes impacted as well. Our service offerings support you through the phases of a successful technology change from planning to the initial rollout.

To help provide a roadmap for firms to navigate successful technology change, we have developed eight essential elements to drive technology change. The elements outlined below identify the key areas that must be developed to truly transform your A&A services.



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