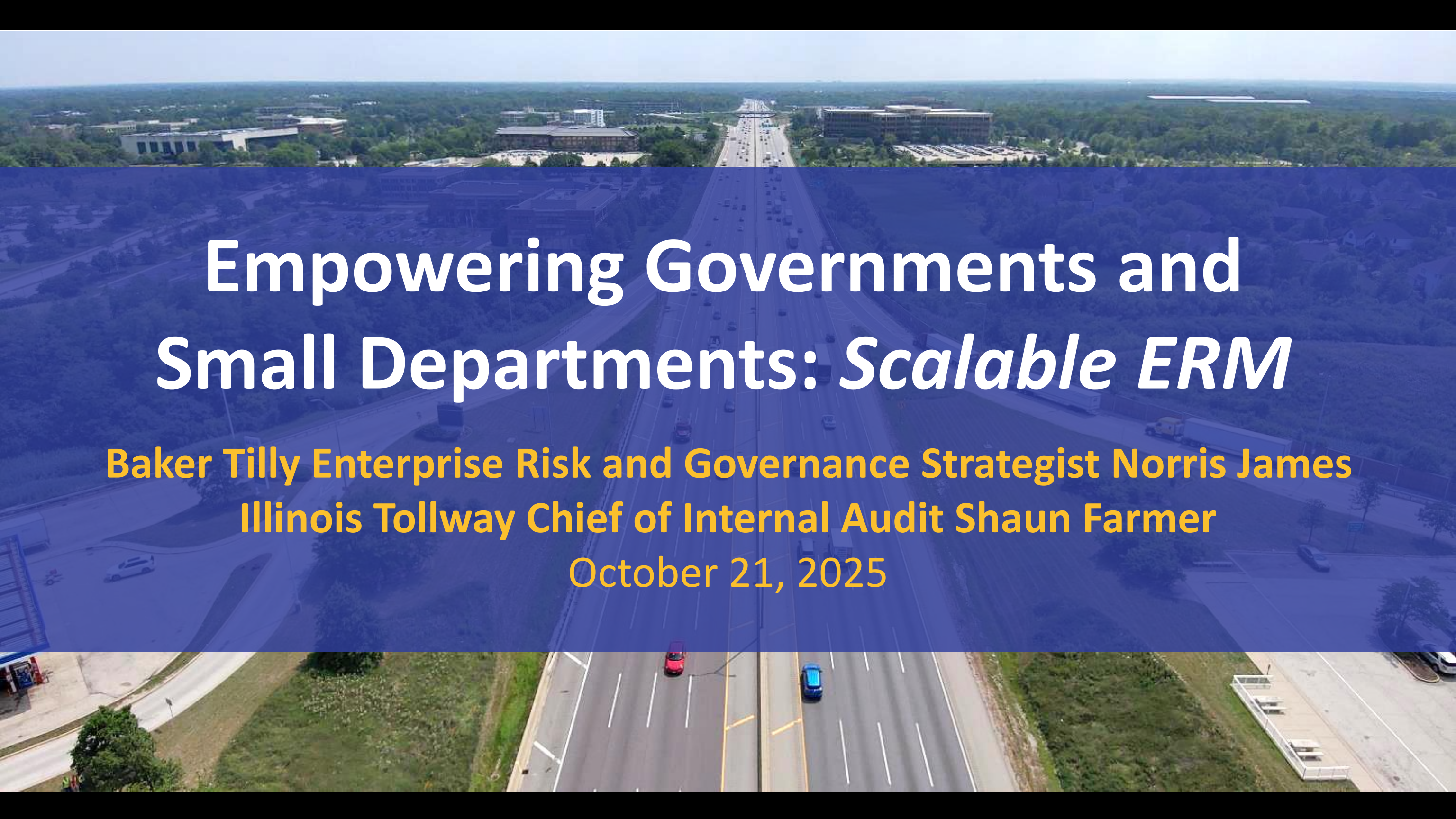




Empowering Governments and Small Departments: *Scalable ERM*

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THE EVOLVING RISK LANDSCAPE

Today's government entities face increased risks

CYBERSECURITY THREATS

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS

BUDGET CONSTRAINTS



*Government leaders need **adaptable frameworks** for unique operational constraints*

EPRM IMPERATIVES



RESOURCE
CONSTRAINTS



STAKEHOLDER
VALUE



COMPLIANCE
EXCELLENCE

Limited budgets and lean staffing require **efficient, scalable solutions** that **maximize impact without overwhelming existing capacity**

EPRM IMPERATIVES



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**ERM creates tangible value by improving decision-making,
enhancing operational resilience, and building
community trust**

EPRM IMPERATIVES



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Proactive risk management **helps organizations stay ahead of regulatory requirements while avoiding compliance issues and non-compliance**

SCALABLE ERM TECHNOLOGY

Value Creation

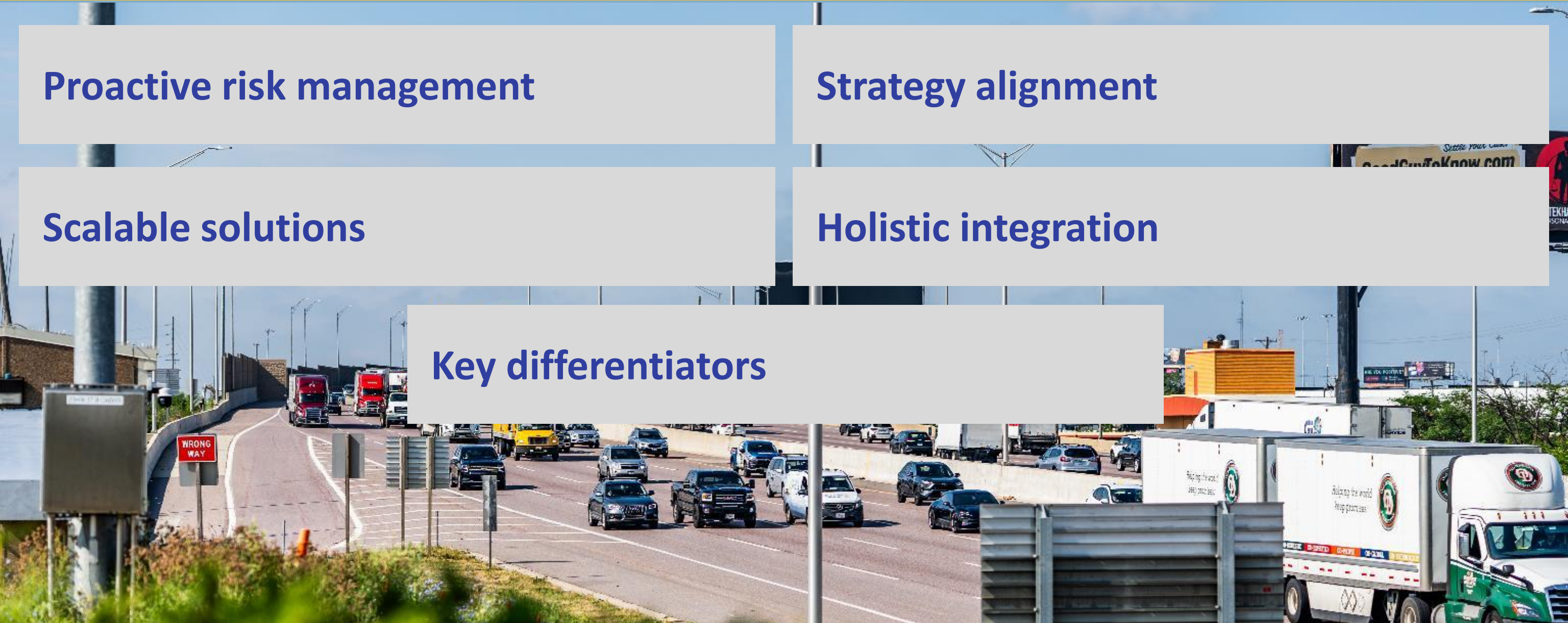
Proactive risk management

Strategy alignment

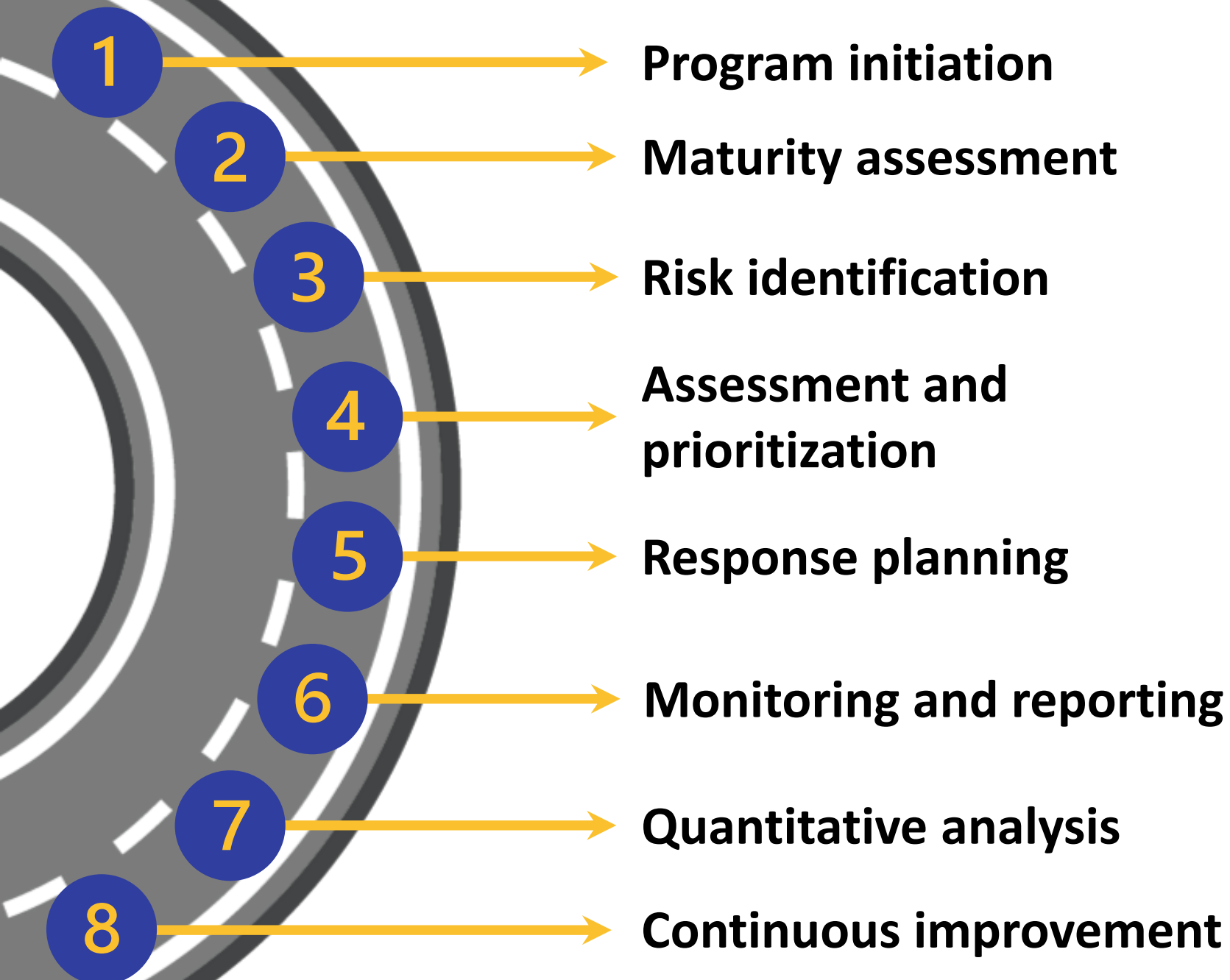
Scalable solutions

Holistic integration

Key differentiators



A COMPREHENSIVE PROCESS



This **eight-step** framework represents a comprehensive and robust ERM program profile.

Organizations can effectively implement it using a practical “crawl, walk, run” approach, **adapting the process to their unique culture, resources, and risk maturity levels.**

TECHNOLOGY ENABLED SOLUTIONS

- **Addressing public sector constraints**
 - AI-driven risk identification tools significantly reduce time-to-value
 - Virtual stakeholder engagement platforms enable collaborative risk assessment processes
- **Reduced implementation time**
 - AI-driven tools delivering value quickly even with limited resources
- **Enhanced collaboration**
 - Virtual stakeholder engagement platforms enable participation regardless of geographic or scheduling constraints



Real-world impact: A mid-sized city government **reduced its risk-assessment cycle from 6 months to 6 weeks** using technology (Baker Tilly's Risk Synergy Tool), while **improving stakeholder participation by 40 percent** through virtual engagement tools.

IMPLEMENTATION PATHWAYS AND ACTIONABLE ROADMAP

ERM LITE APPROACH

- For smaller/beginner entities starting ERM journey
- Focus on
 - Essential risk identification
 - Basic assessment
 - Foundational governance
- Streamlined risk register
- Simple scoring methodology
- Essential reporting dashboards

PHASED EXPANSION

- Gradual implementation
- Allows for systematic building, adding features as resources and maturity level increases
- Progressive feature adaptation
- Incremental training programs
- Scalable technology deployment

OPTIMIZED ERM PROGRAM

- Features all advanced capabilities
- Quantitative analysis
- Full framework development
- Advanced analysis capabilities
- Integrated strategic planning

Success metrics: Improved compliance rates, enhanced stakeholder confidence, reduced operational disruptions and measurable progress toward strategic objectives.

BUILDING LONG-TERM VALUE

Organizational Resilience

CUSTOMIZED APPROACH

PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION

TECHNOLOGY EXCELLENCE



*Transform risk management from a compliance burden into a **strategic advantage** that builds stakeholder confidence and organizational resilience.*

INTERNAL AUDIT'S ROLE IN ERM



CORE ASSURANCE ROLES

- Provide assurance on the risk-management process
- Ensure risks are correctly evaluated
- Evaluate the reporting of key risks
- Review the management of key risks (including testing controls)



SAFEGUARDS

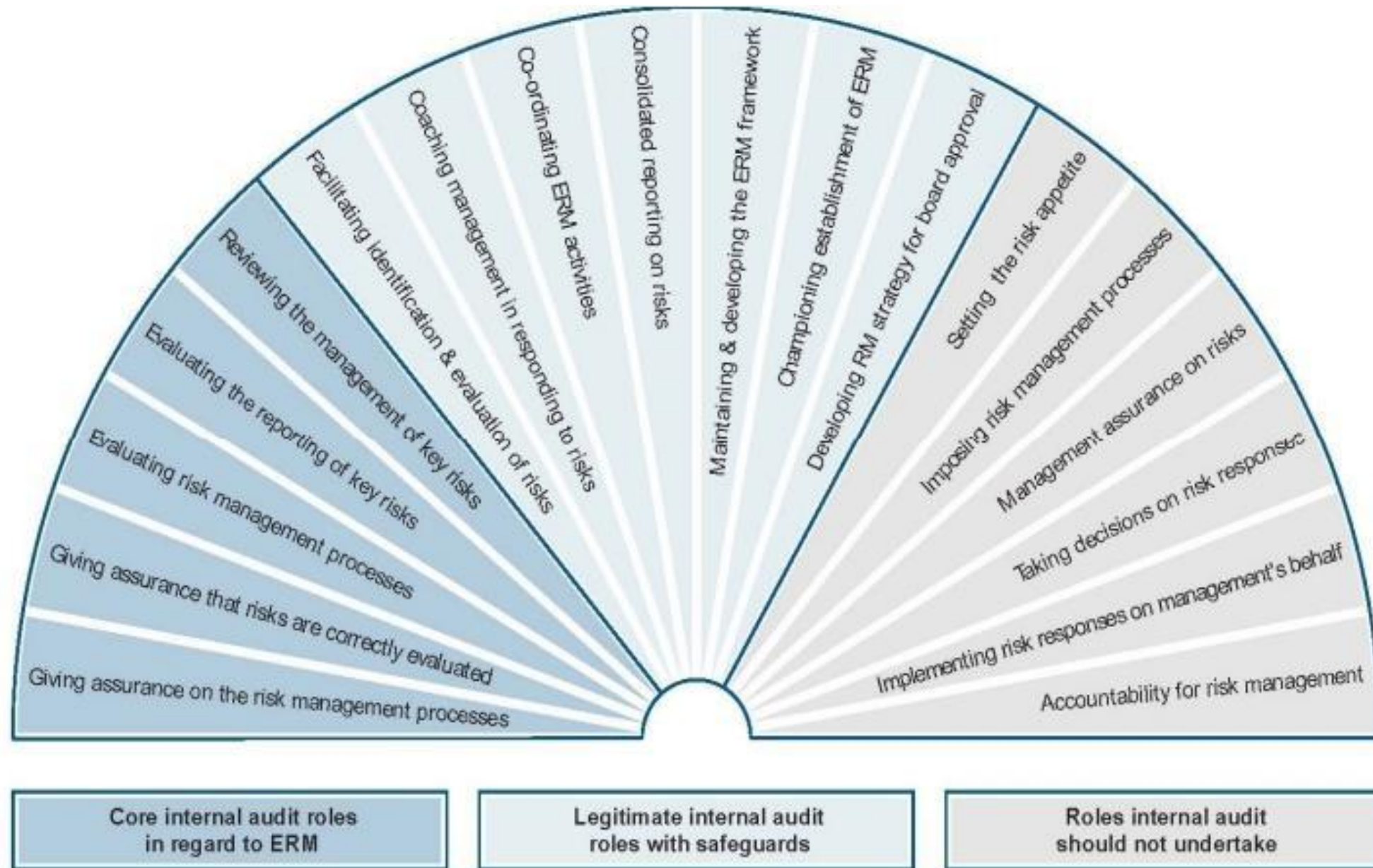
- Facilitate identification and evaluation of risks
- Coach management in responding to risks
- Coordinate ERM activities
- Consolidate reporting on risk
- Champion establishment of ERM



INTERNAL AUDIT DOES NOT:

- Set risk appetite
- Impose on risk-management processes
- Provide management assurances on risk
- Make decisions on risk responses
- Implement risk responses on management's behalf
- Assume accountability for risk management

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THANK YOU

