

Monthly Recommendations Report

Closed During September 2017



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Recommendation Status

As of September 29, 2017, the OIG Management Information System (MIS) reported the following recommendation counts:

		Unclassified	Sensitive and Classified	Total*
Open	State	457	322	833
	BBG	32	13	
Closed within Month	State	14	16	31
	BBG	1	0	
Newly Issued	State	47	45	92
	BBG	0	0	

*this total includes the following recommendations associated with the IBWC:
Open Sensitive/Classified: +9.

Recommendation Status Explained

Unresolved: No agreement between OIG and management on the recommendation or proposed corrective action (remains open).

Resolved: Agreement on the recommendation and proposed corrective action (remains open) but implementation has not been completed.

Closed: Agreed upon corrective action is complete.

Action Office: The organization to which a recommendation has been assigned for action.

Searching Explained

The recommendations are sorted alphabetically by action office, then by the date the report containing the recommendations was issued.

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Example searches:

- To find recommendations related to a particular bureau or office, type the name of that bureau or office. For example, "Office of the Deputy Secretary" or "Bureau of Diplomatic Security." [View the Department of State Organizational Chart](#) for more information on Department bureaus and offices.
- To find recommendations related to a particular embassy, type "Embassy" and the city in which the embassy is located. For example, "Embassy Berlin" or "Embassy Kabul."
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Additional Information

- This report includes only unclassified information entered into our MIS system as of the last business day of the previous month. For example, the November report will include information in our system as of 4 P.M. on the last business day of October.
- Action office have up to 30 days after a report is issued to respond to newly issued recommendations.
- Questions? Contact the OIG [Office of Public Affairs](#).

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#	ACTION OFFICE	REPORT NUMBER	REPORT TITLE	ISSUE DATE	REC NUMBER	RECOMMENDATION	REC STATUS	REC CLOSE DATE
1	Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs	AUD-MERO-17-46	Compliance Follow-Up Audit of Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs Programs in Pakistan	7/24/2017	1	OIG recommends that the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs develop and implement formal, written standard operating policies and procedures for determining and assessing Pakistani law enforcement partner equipment needs for the Law Enforcement and Border Security Program in Pakistan.	Closed - Implemented	9/28/2017
2	Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs	AUD-MERO-17-46	Compliance Follow-Up Audit of Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs Programs in Pakistan	7/24/2017	4	OIG recommends that the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs develop and implement formal, written standard operating policies and procedures for determining and assessing Pakistani law enforcement partner equipment needs for the Counternarcotics and Rule of Law Programs in Pakistan.	Closed - Implemented	9/28/2017
3	Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs	AUD-MERO-17-46	Compliance Follow-Up Audit of Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs Programs in Pakistan	7/24/2017	7	OIG recommends that the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs disseminate and direct the use of its standard operating procedures for reviewing overseas unliquidated obligations.	Closed - Implemented	9/28/2017
4	Bureau of African Affairs	ISP-I-17-17	Inspection of Embassy Accra, Ghana	6/2/2017	1	The Bureau of African Affairs should implement a detailed program, budget, and monitoring and evaluation framework for the Security Governance Initiative program in Ghana. (Action: AF)	Closed - Implemented	9/26/2017
5	Bureau of Consular Affairs	ISP-I-17-04	Inspection of the Bureau of Consular Affairs, Office of Consular Systems and Technology	12/9/2016	6	The Bureau of Consular Affairs should require all its directorates and offices to assign dedicated staff to support ConsularOne, employing a shared services concept where appropriate. (Action: CA)	Closed - Implemented	9/12/2017
6	Bureau of Information Resource Management	AUD-CGI-16-34	Audit of Time and Material Expenses and Performance Incentive Payments Under the Bureau of Information Resource Management, Vendor Management Office Vanguard Program	5/18/2016	1	OIG recommends that the Bureau of Information Resource Management (a) determine whether the \$560,486 in questioned costs related to the Vanguard Information Technology Consolidation Program time and material expenses as identified by OIG are allowable or supported and (b) recover any costs determined to be unallowable or unsupported.	Closed - Implemented	9/19/2017

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7	Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation	AUD-SI-15-41	Audit of the Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation Administration and Oversight of Foreign Assistance Funds Related to the Global Threat Reduction Program	9/21/2015	6	OIG recommends that the Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Office of Cooperative Threat Reduction (ISN/CTR) complete the integration of project data for each of its partner countries into the baseline model, using the performance indicators and metrics developed by the Monterey Institute, which were garnered from best practices and based on ideal standards, to better assess and report on the performance of ISN/CTR programs relative to the President's 2010 National Security Strategy.	Closed - Implemented	9/22/2017
8	Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs	ISP-I-17-22	Inspection of the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs	5/23/2017	12	The Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, in coordination with the Bureau of Human Resources, should take steps to hold delinquent raters accountable. (Action: NEA, in coordination with DGHR)	Closed - Implemented	9/13/2017
9	Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs	ISP-I-17-22	Inspection of the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs	5/23/2017	14	The Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs should review \$385.3 million in unliquidated obligations and deobligate or reprogram those funds that are no longer required. (Action: NEA)	Closed - Implemented	9/13/2017
10	Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs	ISP-I-17-22	Inspection of the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs	5/23/2017	17	The Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs should establish a bureau-wide records management program, to include dedicated staff and internal guidance for maintaining files and records. (Action: NEA)	Closed - Implemented	9/13/2017
11	Consulate General Hamilton	ISP-I-17-26	Inspection of Emergency Preparedness at Consulate General Hamilton, Bermuda	5/23/2017	1	The U.S. Mission to the United Nations should require Consulate General Hamilton to conduct and document all required emergency drills. (Action: Consulate General Hamilton)	Closed - Implemented	9/19/2017
12	Office of Acquisitions Management	AUD-MERO-15-25	Audit of the U. S. Mission Iraq Medical Services	5/28/2015	3	OIG recommends that the Bureau of Administration, Office of Logistics Management, Office of Acquisitions Management, (a) determine whether \$6,087,633 in unsupported charges and \$685,249 in associated General and Administrative charges are allowable under contract SAQMMA11D0073 and (b) recover any costs determined to be unallowable.	Closed - Implemented	9/18/2017

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13	Office of Acquisitions Management	AUD-MERO-17-37	Management Assistance Report: Challenges Remain in Monitoring and Overseeing Antiterrorism Assistance Program Activities in Pakistan	5/31/2017	4	OIG recommends that the Bureau of Administration, Office of Logistics Management, Office of Acquisitions Management, in coordination with the Bureau of Diplomatic Security develop and implement procedures to verify that the Antiterrorism Assistance program contracting officer is preparing and issuing written contract modifications when necessary to alter the terms of a contract in accordance with the Foreign Affairs Handbook.	Closed - Implemented	9/6/2017
14	Office of the Procurement Executive	MA-A-0002	Management Alert: Contract File Management Deficiencies	3/28/2014	2	OIG recommends that A/OPE provide the results of its reviews as set forth in recommendation one to the appropriate bureaus and offices to ensure that contracting officers, contracting officers' representatives, as well as their supervisors and other supporting personnel who do not adequately maintain contract files are held accountable and are required to update contract files in accordance with Federal and Department policies.	Closed - Implemented	9/11/2017
15	Broadcasting Board of Governors	ISP-IB-17-21	Inspection of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty	5/19/2017	1	The Broadcasting Board of Governors should direct Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty to document contract approvals in accordance with the grant agreement. (Action: BBG, in coordination with RFE/RL)	Closed - Implemented	9/12/2017