

Monthly Recommendations Report

Closed During January 2018



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Recommendation Status

As of January 31, 2018, the OIG Management Information System (MIS) reported the following recommendation counts:

		Unclassified	Sensitive and Classified	Total
Open	State	433	357	836*
	BBG	31	15	
Closed within Month	State	15	6	22
	BBG	1	0	
Newly Issued	State	0	10	10**
	BBG	0	0	

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

**this total excludes 5 DOS reports with 37 recommendations, 28 of which are resolved and 9 are unresolved.

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."
- To find recommendations with a specific word or phrase, type the keyword. For example, "information technology" or "contracts."

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 Congressional and Public Affairs](#).

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#	ACTION OFFICE	REPORT NUMBER	REPORT TITLE	ISSUE DATE	REC NUMBER	RECOMMENDATION	REC STATUS	REC CLOSE DATE
1	Bureau of Diplomatic Security	ISP-C-16-18	Compliance Follow-up Review of the Inspection of the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, High Threat Programs Directorate	5/25/2016	1	The Bureau of Diplomatic Security, in coordination with the Office of the Legal Adviser and the Bureau of Human Resources, should establish Memoranda of Understanding for liaison positions. (Action: DS, in coordination with L and DGHR)	Closed - Implemented	1/8/2018
2	Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs	AUD-SI-17-43	Audit of Department of State Grants and Cooperative Agreements Awarded to Kennesaw State University	6/22/2017	3	OIG recommends that the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs (a) determine whether the \$1,431 in unallowable cost share amounts and \$1,148 in unsupported cost share amounts reported for award SECAGD15CA1074 (see table B.2 in Appendix B) are allowable and supported, and (b) recover any costs determined to be unallowable or unsupported.	Closed - Implemented	1/19/2018
3	Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs	AUD-SI-17-43	Audit of Department of State Grants and Cooperative Agreements Awarded to Kennesaw State University	6/22/2017	4	OIG recommends that the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs deem Kennesaw State University as high risk, and develop and execute a corrective action plan to ensure that the University has the skills and abilities it needs to submit accurate financial reports and complete program goals within agreed-upon deadlines.	Closed - Implemented	1/19/2018
4	Bureau of Information Resource Management	AUD-IT-17-61	Audit of the Department of State's Efforts to Detect and Address the Use of Unapproved Portable Devices	9/14/2017	1	OIG recommends that the Bureau of Information Resource Management develop and implement a process to periodically verify that the Enterprise Master List is kept current and complete.	Closed - Implemented	1/11/2018
5	Bureau of Information Resource Management	AUD-IT-17-61	Audit of the Department of State's Efforts to Detect and Address the Use of Unapproved Portable Devices	9/14/2017	2	OIG recommends that the Bureau of Information Resource Management (IRM) develop and implement a process to verify that a Local Configuration Control Board has authorized the type of portable device requested each time a bureau or post requests that IRM add a type of portable device to the Enterprise Master List.	Closed - Implemented	1/11/2018
6	Bureau of Information Resource Management	AUD-IT-17-61	Audit of the Department of State's Efforts to Detect and Address the Use of Unapproved Portable Devices	9/14/2017	4	OIG recommends that the Bureau of Information Resource Management (IRM) perform and document an analysis of the advantages and disadvantages to limiting the brands of portable devices that are allowed to be connected to OpenNet, including connection through local networks. From the completed analysis, IRM should determine whether to limit or not limit the brands of portable devices.	Closed - Acceptable Alternative	1/11/2018

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7	Bureau of Information Resource Management	AUD-IT-17-61	Audit of the Department of State's Efforts to Detect and Address the Use of Unapproved Portable Devices	9/14/2017	5	If the Bureau of Information Resource Management (IRM) determines that it should limit the brands of portable devices that are allowed to be connected to OpenNet (Recommendation 4), OIG recommends that IRM develop and issue a policy that implements this determination.	Closed - Acceptable Alternative	1/11/2018
8	Bureau of 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	6	OIG recommends that the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs determine how much of the \$8.7 million of funds not subobligated for use within its Pakistan Law Enforcement and Border Security, Counternarcotics, and Rule of Law Programs can be reprogrammed or returned to the U.S. Treasury.	Closed - Implemented	1/30/2018
9	Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs	ISP-I-17-22	Inspection of the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs	5/23/2017	6	The Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, in coordination with the U.S. Office of Foreign Assistance Resources, should prepare an operational plan for Syria-related foreign assistance. (Action: NEA, in coordination with F)	Closed - Implemented	1/4/2018
10	Bureau of the Comptroller and Global Financial Services	AUD-CGI-16-48	Audit of the Department of State Travel Card Program	9/27/2016	2	OIG recommends that the Bureau of the Comptroller and Global Financial Services develop and implement a policy to annually review and update its transaction blocking by merchant category code template to ensure that it is complete and accurate.	Closed - Implemented	1/2/2018
11	Embassy Rangoon	ISP-I-17-05A	Inspection of Embassy Rangoon, Burma	1/12/2017	2	Embassy Rangoon, in coordination with the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations, should evaluate the seismic safety of residential buildings in the residential housing pool and relocate residents occupying any seismically sub-standard housing. (Action: Embassy Rangoon, in coordination with OBO)	Closed - Implemented	1/18/2018
12	Office of Acquisitions Management	AUD-MERO-17-04	Management Assistance Report: Contract Management—Lessons Learned From Embassy Kabul, Afghanistan, Operations and Maintenance Contract	10/3/2016	1	OIG recommends that the Bureau of Administration, Office of Logistics Management, Office of Acquisitions Management, in coordination with the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations, Office of Construction, Facility, and Security Management, Office of Facility Management, include contract performance standards that are specific, objective, clear, and measurable in the statement of work for the new worldwide operations and maintenance contract.	Closed - Implemented	1/22/2018

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13	Office of Acquisitions Management	AUD-MERO-17-04	Management Assistance Report: Contract Management–Lessons Learned From Embassy Kabul, Afghanistan, Operations and Maintenance Contract	10/3/2016	4	OIG recommends that the Bureau of Administration, Office of Logistics Management, Office of Acquisitions Management, in coordination with the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations, Office of Construction, Facility, and Security Management, Office of Facility Management, identify and include all anticipated operations and maintenance needs for overseas posts in the worldwide operations and maintenance base contract.	Closed - Implemented	1/22/2018
14	Office of Acquisitions Management	AUD-MERO-17-04	Management Assistance Report: Contract Management–Lessons Learned From Embassy Kabul, Afghanistan, Operations and Maintenance Contract	10/3/2016	5	OIG recommends that the Bureau of Administration, Office of Logistics Management, Office of Acquisitions Management, in coordination with the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations, Office of Construction, Facility, and Security Management, Office of Facility Management, ensure that any additional services added to the worldwide operations and maintenance contract be appropriately aligned with the base contract’s statement of work and within the scope of the operations and maintenance base contract.	Closed - Implemented	1/22/2018
15	Office of Acquisitions Management	AUD-MERO-17-41	Audit of the Department of State’s Contract To Monitor Foreign Assistance Programs in Iraq	5/23/2017	3	OIG recommends that the Bureau of Administration, Office of Logistics Management, Office of Acquisition Management, in conjunction with the regional or functional bureaus funding contract SAQMMA11D0119, establish controls to ensure that objective and measurable criteria are included in all future contracts for monitoring support in Iraq and other contingency environments.	Closed - Implemented	1/30/2018
16	Broadcasting Board of Governors	AUD-IT-IB-16-36	(U) Management Assistance Report: Inactive User Accounts Within the Broadcasting Board of Governors Active Directory	5/18/2016	1	(U) OIG recommends that the Chief Information Officer for the Broadcasting Board of Governors revise the Identification and Authentication Policy to provide guidance on how to identify and segregate user and non-user accounts in Active Directory.	Closed - Implemented	1/17/2018