MAKING A DIFFERENCE

OIG special agents determined that a Department contractor did not comply with contractual obligations to ensure that U.S. embassy local guard force personnel were adequately trained to contract specifications. In September 2019, the contractor agreed to pay a $25,000 administrative settlement to the Department.

In response to the 2017 report Management Assistance Report: Building Deficiencies Identified at U.S. Embassy Kabul, Afghanistan, Need Prompt Attention, U.S. Embassy Kabul addressed construction deficiencies and quality assurance weaknesses, resulting in the closure of all 19 recommendations. Similarly, in response to the 2014 report Audit of the Broadcasting Board of Governors Administration and Oversight of Acquisition Functions, the U.S. Agency for Global Media completed corrective actions resulting in the closure of all 38 recommendations.

In the 2018 report Audit of the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs Selection and Management of Contract Oversight Personnel in Iraq, OIG recommended that the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs evaluate and document the use of personal services contractors and limited non-career appointees to serve as Contracting Officer’s Representatives in Iraq and provide the results to the Deputy Secretary of State for his awareness and consideration. The Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs has completed and transmitted the results of the contract oversight study to the Deputy Secretary.

NEW WORK STARTED

- Audit of the Department of State FY 2019 Financial Statements
- Inspection of Embassy London, United Kingdom and Constituent Posts
- Inspection of Embassy Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
- Inspection of Embassy Yaoundé, Cameroon
- Inspection of Embassy Bern, Switzerland
- Inspection of the U.S. Mission to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva
- Inspection of Embassy Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Inspection of Embassy Kathmandu, Nepal
- Inspection of the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs
- Inspection of the Bureau of Counterterrorism and Countering Violent Extremism

RECOMMENDATIONS STATUS

as of September 30, 2019

1,142
Open Recommendations
82
Recommendations Closed During September

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Management Assistance Report: Open Audit
  RecommendationsAwaiting Final Action and Closure (AUD-AOQC-19-35)
- Audit of Selected Post Efforts To Track and Remediate Vulnerabilities Identified During Blue Team Risk Assessments (AUD-IT-19-41)*
- Classified Inspection of Embassy Maseru, Lesotho (ISP-I-19-29)*
- Classified Inspection of Embassy Mbabane, Eswatini (ISP-I-19-30)*
- Audit of Cost Management of Embassy Air in Afghanistan and Iraq (AUD-MERO-19-33)
- Audit of Monitoring and Evaluating Department of State Foreign Assistance in the Philippines (AUD-MERO-19-39)
- Audit of the Execution of Security-Related Construction Projects at U.S. Embassy Kabul, Afghanistan (AUD-MERO-19-40)
- Classified Audit of the Information Security Program for Sensitive Compartmented Information Systems at the Department of State (AUD-IT-19-44)*
- Inspection of the U.S. Mission to the Organization of American States (ISP-I-19-37)
- Audit of Cooperative Agreement Sub-Award Recipients Supporting the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (AUD-SI-19-43)
- Work Plan for Fiscal Years 2020-2021 (OIG-ERM-19-03)

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