



September 2018

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

In August 2018, a Department contractor agreed to pay a \$145,504 settlement to resolve allegations that it falsely billed the Department for employee mobilization and demobilization travel expenses previously collected from its employees. OIG special agents investigated this matter.

Also in August, a Department contracting officer and division chief were each issued a Letter of Admonishment for failure to follow policy and report suspected fraud to OIG. In 2017, OIG and FBI special agents determined that Department employees were engaged in a multi-level marketing scheme with a Department contractor. The failure to properly report the potential fraud means that OIG did not become aware of the scheme until the violations were reported 14 months later by another source.

NEW WORK STARTED

- Compliance Follow-up Review of the Emergency Action Plan for U.S. Embassy Baghdad, Iraq
- Management Assistance Report: Evaluation of the Assessment That the Bureau of Administration's Facilities Management Services Contracts Did Not Comply With Acquisition Regulations
- Audit of the Monitoring and Evaluation of Foreign Assistance Funds Transferred to Other Agencies and Non-Governmental Organizations From the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs
- Evaluation of the Assessment That the Bureau of Administration's Facilities Management Services Contracts Did Not Comply With Acquisition Regulations

REPORTS ISSUED

- *Lead Inspector General for Operation Inherent Resolve and Operation Pacific Eagle - Philippines | Quarterly Report to Congress (April 1 to June 30, 2018)*
- *Management Assistance Report: Medical Personnel Assigned to Protective Movement Details at U.S. Embassy Baghdad, Iraq, Lack Access to Needed Medications (AUD-MERO-18-53)*
- *Management Assistance Report: Further Department Attention Needed to Address Overdue Responses on Selected Open Recommendations (AUD-ACF-18-51)*
- *Management Assistance Report: Department of State Has Not Implemented the Required Value Engineering Program for Contracts Exceeding \$5 Million (AUD-CGI-18-52)*

RECOMMENDATIONS STATUS

as of August 31, 2018

980

Open
Recommendations

75

Recommendations
Closed During August

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- *Management Assistance Report: The Bureau of Diplomatic Security's Office of Training and Performance Standards Should Improve Property Management Over Equipment Provided During High-Threat Training (AUD-SI-18-49)*
- *Audit of the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs Administration and Oversight of Selected Contracts and Grants (AUD-CGI-18-50)*
- *Management Assistance Report: Dispersal of Contracting Officer Representatives Creates Oversight Challenges (ISP-I-18-33)*
- *Compliance Follow-up Review: The Worldwide Refugee Admissions Processing System Still Vulnerable to Potential Compromise* (ISP-C-18-33)*
- *Management Assistance Report: Use of Confidentiality Agreements by a Department of State Contractor (ESP-18-03)*
- *Lead Inspector General for Operation Freedom's Sentinel | Quarterly Report to Congress (April 1 to June 30, 2018)*
- *Audit of Foreign Assistance for Internally Displaced Persons in Iraq (AUD-MERO-18-56)*
- *Inspection of the Bureau of Consular Affairs' Office of Fraud Prevention Programs (ISP-I-18-42)*
- *Review of the Bureau of Administration, Office of Logistics Management, Critical Environment Contract Analysis Staff's Counterterrorism Vetting Function (Risk Analysis and Management) (ISP-I-18-27)*
- *Audit of the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations Value Engineering Program (AUD-CGI-18-54)*
- *Audit of Cost Controls Within the Baghdad Life Support Services Contract Food Services Task Order SAQMMA14F0721 (AUD-MERO-18-55)*

*Report is classified or sensitive but unclassified.