

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
OF
JUSTICE



**THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
SEMIANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT
TO CONGRESS**

April 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019

Background

In accordance with the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, the Department of Justice (Department or DOJ) provides the following management report.¹ The report describes the Department's actions during the semiannual period ended September 30, 2019, to address recommendations from the OIG provided in audit, inspection, and evaluation reports. The first section provides information on the status of final action for OIG reports with recommendations that funds be put to better use. The second section provides information on the status of final action for OIG reports with disallowed costs. The third and final section of the report, which addresses a reporting requirement for OIG audit reports only, provides the status of final action for reports open longer than one year for which management decisions have been made but final action has not been completed. During the semiannual reporting period, DOJ components implemented policy and management changes to close 248 recommendations that had been open longer than one year.

DOJ Management Report on Final Action

1. Status of Final Action for OIG Reports with Recommendations that Funds be Put to Better Use²

| Status of Final Action on Funds to Better Use Recommendations (six-month period ended September 30, 2019) | | |
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| Category | FBU Recommendations | No. of OIG Reports |
| Value of FBU recommendations for which final action had not been completed by the beginning of the reporting period | \$878,053 | 2 |
| Value of FBU recommendations agreed to by management in a final decision during the reporting period | \$1,048,000 | |
| Value of FBU recommendations pending final action during the reporting period (sum of preceding two lines) | \$1,926,053 | |
| Value of FBU recommendations for which final action was completed during the reporting period (sum of next two lines) | \$1,198,016 | |
| FBU recommendations completed | \$1,198,016 | |
| FBU recommendations that management subsequently concluded should not or could not be implemented or completed | \$0 | |
| Value of FBU recommendations for which final action had not been completed by the end of the reporting period | \$728,037 | |

¹ Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.

² This section reflects the status of final action for OIG reports with recommendations that funds be put to better use (FBU) that management agreed to in a final decision, in accordance with the Inspector General Act, as amended. For purposes of this report, the term *FBU recommendation* means a recommendation by the OIG that funds could be used more efficiently if management took actions to implement and complete the recommendation.

2. Status of Final Action for OIG Reports with Disallowed Costs³

| Status of Final Action on Disallowed Costs (six-month period ended September 30, 2019) | | | |
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| Category | Disallowed Costs | No. of OIG Reports | |
| Value of disallowed costs for which final action had not been completed by the beginning of the reporting period | \$185,723 | 8 | |
| Value of disallowed costs included in the total above that management determined during the reporting period to be allowable costs based on the review of additional information | \$30,846 | | |
| Subtotal | \$154,877 | | |
| Value of disallowed costs agreed to by management in a final decision during the reporting period | \$1,265,570 | | |
| Value of disallowed costs pending final action during the reporting period (sum of preceding two lines) | \$1,420,447 | | |
| Value of disallowed costs for which final action was completed during the reporting period (sum of next three lines) | \$1,170,596 | | |
| Disallowed costs recovered by management through collection, offset, property in lieu of cash, or other means | \$704,023 | | |
| Disallowed costs referred to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection | \$0 | | |
| Disallowed costs written off by management | \$466,573 | | |
| Value of disallowed costs for which final action had not been completed by the end of the reporting period | \$249,851 | | 7 |

³ This section reflects the status of final action for OIG reports with disallowed costs, in accordance with the Inspector General Act, as amended. For purposes of this report, the term *disallowed cost* means an incurred cost questioned by the OIG that DOJ management, in a final decision, agreed should not have been charged to the Government. The term *final decision* means management has evaluated the finding and recommendation and made a decision concerning its response, including actions concluded to be necessary or that no action is necessary. The OIG can question costs for various findings such as, at the time of audit, costs were not supported by adequate documentation. Historically, the Department has been able to provide adequate support for the majority of OIG questioned costs, resulting in the questioned costs being deemed allowable.

3. Status of Final Action for OIG Audit Reports Open Longer than One Year for which Management Decisions Have Been Made but Final Action Has Not Been Completed⁴

| Status of Final Action for Audit Reports Open Longer than One Year for which Management Decisions Have Been Made but Final Action Has Not Been Completed (as of September 30, 2019) | | | | | |
|--|--|-------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Report Number | Audit Report Title | Report Date | Management Improvements | | Status of Final Action |
| | | | Recommended | Final Action Completed | |
| ATF – Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives | | | | | |
| 17-17 | Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' Management and Oversight of Confidential Informants | 3/27/2017 | 5 | 3 | The OIG has closed 3 of the 5 recommendations based on ATF completing final action. In addition, ATF has completed various actions related to the remaining recommendations involving implementation of a recordkeeping system to maintain confidential informant information and improving the monitoring of foreign national confidential informants to ensure their legal status does not lapse. ATF plans to complete final action on the recommendations in FY 2020. |
| 18-21 | Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Controls over Weapons, Munitions, and Explosives | 3/30/2018 | 10 | 7 | The OIG has closed 7 of the 10 recommendations based on ATF completing final action. In addition, ATF has completed various actions related to the remaining recommendations for tracking and securing less-lethal munitions and seized weapons and ammunition. ATF plans to complete final action on the recommendations in FY 2020. |
| NFPR ⁵ | FISMA Audit Report | 1/26/2018 | 5 | 4 | The OIG has closed 4 of the 5 recommendations based on ATF completing final action. ATF plans to complete final action on the remaining recommendation related to FISMA in FY 2020. |

⁴ This section reflects the status of final action for OIG audit reports open longer than one year for which management decisions have been made but final action has not been completed. For purposes of this report, the term *final action* means the completion of all actions that management concluded in its final decision are necessary with respect to the findings and recommendations in the audit report.

⁵ Due to law enforcement sensitivity reasons, the OIG issues its Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) audit reports as Not For Public Release (NFPR).

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| | | | Recommended | Final Action Completed | |
| BOP – Bureau of Prisons | | | | | |
| 17-08 | Federal Bureau of Prisons' Contract with CoreCivic, Inc., Natchez, Mississippi | 12/19/2016 | 9 | 8 | The OIG has closed 8 of the 9 recommendations based on BOP completing final action. In August 2016, the Deputy Attorney General directed BOP to begin reducing, and ultimately end, its use of privately operated prisons. As of September 30, 2019, the contract with CoreCivic, Inc. had expired, all BOP inmates had been removed from the facility, and BOP was no longer receiving services at the Natchez, Mississippi facility on the contract. BOP plans to complete the closure of the contract in FY 2020. |
| 18-30 | Federal Bureau of Prisons' Residential Reentry Center Contracts Awarded to Reynolds & Associates, Inc., Washington, D.C. | 9/12/2018 | 16 | 12 | The OIG has closed 12 of the 16 recommendations based on BOP completing final action. In addition, BOP has completed various actions on the remaining recommendations to improve procedures for awarding and monitoring Residential Reentry Center contracts. BOP plans to complete final action on the recommendations in FY 2020. |
| 18-31 | Federal Bureau of Prisons' Contract Awarded to Sealaska Constructors, LLC, to Build Facilities at Federal Correctional Institution Danbury, Connecticut | 9/18/2018 | 8 | 5 | The OIG has closed 5 of the 8 recommendations based on BOP completing final action. In addition, BOP has completed various actions on the remaining recommendations to improve contract administration and oversight of construction contracts. BOP plans to complete final action on the recommendations in FY 2020. |

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| 18-32 | Federal Bureau of Prisons' Contracts Awarded to Pacific Forensic Psychology Associates, Inc., San Diego, California | 9/21/2018 | 16 | 0 | BOP has completed various actions on the 16 recommendations to improve contract administration and assist Pacific Forensic in improving its contract management and administration, including final action during the reporting period on disallowed costs valued at \$718. BOP plans to complete final action on the recommendations in FY 2020. |
| COPS - Office of Community Oriented Policing Services | | | | | |
| Various | 4 Grant Audit Reports | Various | 41 | 7 | The OIG has closed 7 of the 41 recommendations based on COPS completing final action. COPS continues to work with grantees to remedy reported deficiencies and questioned costs. |
| CRM – Criminal Division | | | | | |
| GR-70-17-003 | Franklin County District Attorney's Office's Equitable Sharing Program Activities, Franklin County, New York | 3/8/2017 | 15 | 10 | The OIG has closed 10 of the 15 recommendations based on CRM completing final action. CRM continues to work with the Franklin County District Attorney's Office to remedy reported deficiencies and questioned costs. CRM plans for final action on the recommendations to be completed in FY 2020. |

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| DEA – Drug Enforcement Agency | | | | | |
| 16-08 | Drug Enforcement Administration's Controls Over Seized and Collected Drugs | 2/17/2016 | 9 | 7 | The OIG has closed 7 of the 9 recommendations based on DEA completing final action. In addition, DEA has completed various actions on the remaining recommendations related to documentation for drug seizures. DEA plans to complete final action on the recommendations in FY 2020. |
| NFPR | FISMA Audit Report | 2/8/2017 | 6 | 5 | The OIG has closed 5 of the 6 recommendations based on DEA completing final action. DEA plans to complete final action on the remaining recommendation related to FISMA in FY 2020. |
| FBI – Federal Bureau of Investigation | | | | | |
| 16-20 | Federal Bureau of Investigation's Cyber Threat Prioritization | 7/20/2016 | 2 | 0 | FBI has completed various actions on the recommendations which involve the use of an algorithmic, data-driven tool to prioritize cyber threats and implementation of a record keeping system that tracks agent time utilization by threat set. FBI plans to complete final action on the recommendations in FY 2020. |
| 17-35 | Federal Bureau of Investigation's Insider Threat Program | 9/22/2017 | 8 | 2 | The OIG has closed 2 of the 8 recommendations based on FBI completing final action. FBI plans to complete final action on the remaining recommendations related to processes and tools for managing and monitoring the FBI's insider threat program in FY 2020. |

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| GR-90-17-006 | Compliance with Standards Governing Combined DNA Index System Activities at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Scientific Services Bureau Crime Laboratory, Los Angeles, California | 9/29/2017 | 8 | 1 | The OIG has closed 1 of the 8 recommendations based on FBI completing final action. In addition, FBI has completed various actions on the remaining recommendations related to the laboratory strengthening physical security and ensuring case files contain sufficient information to determine CODIS eligibility. FBI plans to complete final action on the recommendations in FY 2020. |
| GR-90-18-004 | Compliance with Standards Governing Combined DNA Index System Activities at the San Diego County Sheriff's Department Regional Crime Laboratory, San Diego, California | 8/21/2018 | 6 | 4 | The OIG has closed 4 of the 6 recommendations based on FBI completing final action. In addition, FBI has completed various actions on the remaining recommendations related to the laboratory strengthening physical access controls. FBI plans to complete final action on the recommendations in FY 2020. |
| NFPR | 5 FISMA Audit Reports | Various | 136 | 105 | The OIG has closed 105 of the 136 recommendations based on FBI completing final action. FBI plans to complete final action on the remaining recommendations related to FISMA in FY 2020. |
| JMD – Justice Management Division | | | | | |
| 13-40 | Department of Justice's Implementation of and Compliance with Certain Classification Requirements | 9/27/2013 | 14 | 13 | The OIG has closed 13 of the 14 recommendations based on JMD completing final action. In addition, JMD has completed various actions on the remaining recommendation involving security classification guides. JMD plans to complete final action on the recommendation in FY 2020. |

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| 16-26 | Follow-Up of the Department of Justice's Implementation of and Compliance with Certain Classification Requirements | 9/12/2016 | 3 | 1 | The OIG has closed 1 of the 3 recommendations based on JMD completing final action. In addition, JMD has completed various actions on the remaining recommendations to publish the updated Mandatory Declassification Review process in the Federal Register and coordinate with DEA to ensure its classification practices do not result in over-or under-classification. JMD plans to complete final action on the recommendations in FY 2020. |
| 18-05 | Assets Forfeiture Fund and Seized Asset Deposit Fund Annual Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2017 | 12/21/2017 | 3 | 2 | The OIG has closed 2 of the 3 recommendations based on JMD completing final action. In addition, JMD has completed various actions on the remaining recommendation related to developing control actions to ensure Asset Forfeiture Program participating agencies are timely and accurately recording changes in the status of seized and forfeited assets. JMD plans to complete final action on the recommendation in FY 2020. |
| NFPR | 3 FISMA Audit Reports | Various | 11 | 5 | The OIG has closed 5 of the 11 recommendations based on JMD completing final action. JMD plans to complete final action on the remaining recommendations related to FISMA in FY 2020. |
| OJP – Office of Justice Programs | | | | | |
| 17-10 | Office of Justice Programs' Tribal Justice Systems Infrastructure Program | 1/18/2017 | 12 | 11 | The OIG has closed 11 of the 12 recommendations based on OJP completing final action. OJP continues to work to remedy reported deficiencies and questioned costs and plans to complete final action on the remaining recommendation in FY 2020, to include final action on disallowed costs valued at \$124,697. |

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| 17-31 | Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Title II Part B Formula Grant Program Related to Allegations of the OJJDP's Inappropriate Conduct | 7/24/2017 | 4 | 3 | The OIG closed 3 of the 4 recommendations upon issuance of the final report, based on OJP completing final action. OJP continues to work to remedy the final recommendation which is reliant upon OJP issuing an OJJDP guidance manual containing OJJDP's revised policies, procedures, and objective standards pertaining to updated Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act regulations. OJP plans to complete final action on the recommendation in FY 2020. |
| Various | 23 Grant and Cooperative Agreement Audit Reports | Various | 257 | 127 | The OIG has closed 127 of the 257 recommendations based on OJP completing final action, including final action during the reporting period on disallowed costs valued at \$42,587. OJP continues to work with grantees to remedy reported deficiencies and questioned costs. |
| Various | 11 Single Audit Act Reports | Various | 42 | 17 | The OIG has closed 17 of the 42 recommendations based on OJP completing final action, including final action during the reporting period on disallowed costs valued at \$4,982. OJP continues to work with grantees to remedy reported deficiencies and questioned costs. |

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| OVW - Office on Violence Against Women | | | | | |
| Various | 21 Grant and Cooperative Agreement Audit Reports | Various | 210 | 134 | The OIG has closed 134 of the 210 recommendations based on OVW completing final action, including final action during the reporting period on disallowed costs valued at \$12,167. OVW continues to work with grantees to remedy reported deficiencies and questioned costs and complete final action on disallowed costs valued at \$18,556. |
| USMS - United States Marshals Service | | | | | |
| 18-33 | United States Marshals Service's Controls over Weapons, Munitions, and Explosives | 9/24/2018 | 7 | 5 | The OIG has closed 5 of the 7 recommendations based on USMS completing final action. In addition, USMS has completed various actions on the remaining recommendations to enhance policy and oversight for ammunition tracking. USMS plans to complete final action on the recommendations in FY 2020. |
| NFPR | 2 FISMA Audit Reports | Various | 5 | 3 | The OIG has closed 3 of the 5 recommendations based on USMS completing final action. USMS plans to complete final action on the remaining recommendations related to FISMA in FY 2020. |

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| | | | Recommended | Final Action Completed | |
| Audit Reports Encompassing More Than One DOJ Component | | | | | |
| 18-08 | Drug Enforcement Administration's Regional Linguist Services Contract Awarded to Conduit Language Specialists, Inc. | 1/10/2018 | 11 | 10 | The OIG has closed 10 of the 11 recommendations based on the Department completing final action. In addition, the Department has completed various actions on the remaining recommendation involving costs paid for linguists. The Department plans to complete final action on the recommendation in FY 2020. |
| 18-14 | Department of Justice's Efforts to Address Patterns or Practices of Police Misconduct and Provide Technical Assistance on Accountability Reform to Police Departments | 2/13/2018 | 15 | 12 | The OIG has closed 12 of the 15 recommendations based on the Department completing final action. In addition, the Department has completed various actions on the remaining recommendations involving developing procedures in areas such as community outreach efforts and technical assistance. The Department plans to complete final action on the recommendations in FY 2020. |
| 18-18 | Department of Justice Grant Award Closeout Process | 3/12/2018 | 61 | 49 | The OIG has closed 49 of the 61 recommendations based on the Department completing final action, including final action during the reporting period on disallowed costs valued at \$5,453 and funds to better use valued at \$150,016. In addition, the Department has completed various actions on the remaining recommendations for the grant award closeout process. The Department plans to complete final action on the recommendations in FY 2020, to include final action on disallowed costs valued at \$33,544 and funds to better use valued at \$728,037. |