- The Architect of the Capitol either review and update AOC Order 24-5, Reasonable Accommodation in Employment Policy and Procedures,

 February 16, 2016, to align with the PWFA and guidance provided by the OCWR, or issue preliminary guidance to AOC employees until such time as the EEOC and/or OCWR has drafted regulations on the PWFA, that can be used to update existing AOC policy.
- We recommend the Cannon House Office Building Renewal (CHOBr) Project team review all punchlist items discovered during the one-year warranty inspection to determine how the quality control (QC) reviewers overlooked those items during prior inspections and whether the CHOBr Project team should make any improvements to the QC process to avoid future oversights.
- We recommend the Cannon House Office Building Renewal Project team improve its process for managing warranty items to ensure the only items included on its warranty list are those that meet the definition and description of a warranty item provided in the contract and specification requirements.
- We recommend for those items categorized as punchlist (in-scope work) and completed during and/or after the warranty period, the Cannon
 House Office Building Renewal Project team should negotiate an extended warranty period with the Construction Manager as Constructor to
 the extent legally and administratively feasible.
- We recommend the Cannon House Office Building Renewal Project team review all items listed as warranty items for Phase 2 and ensure they are (1) properly categorized as punchlist (also includes in-scope work), warranty or latent defect, (2) correctly recorded as open or closed and (3) sufficiently documented to support closed items, to include the work completed and the individual who approved.
- We recommend the Cannon House Office Building Renewal Project team ensure it maintains sufficient documentation for all punchlist items, to accurately identify (1) the work completed to closeout punchlist items and (2) the individual who approved the completed work.
- We recommend the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) consider tying the start of contractual warranty periods to Final Completion, rather than Substantial Completion, to ensure that the AOC does not lose warranty coverage on work completed after Substantial Completion, and to incentivize the timely completion of all work needed to meet Final Completion, including punchlist items.
- We recommend the Cannon House Office Building Renewal Project team conduct a review of all punchlist items for Phase 2 to ensure it has properly identified each item and listed the correct status for each item (i.e., open or closed).
- We recommend that, for the remaining contract phases (Phases 3 and 4), the Cannon House Office Building Renewal Project team update its written quality control procedures to ensure compliance with all requirements for punchlist items prescribed in the Construction Manager as Constructor contract and specifications.
- 1 Cannon House Office Building Renewal Project's Punch List And Warranty Work Process Lacked Sufficient Oversight
- We recommend the Architect of the Capitol ensure that it uses the contractual markups when preparing Independent Government Estimates to ensure that the resulting price is consistent with the costs allowed under the contract and avoids overpayment (Funds Put to Better Use \$17.199).
- We recommend the Architect of the Capitol review the insufficiently supported questioned costs identified within the Russell Stone Exterior Envelope Repair and Restoration (\$66,449) and the Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building Administrative Office Space Realignments (\$18,968) projects to determine if the costs are supported and allowable; for any of the costs deemed unsupported and/or unallowable, recover the costs to the extent legally and administratively possible; as applicable, recover any additional amounts resulting from the application of items such as overhead and profits to the unallowable costs.
- We recommend the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) evaluate the \$288 in questioned costs for duplicative overhead costs awarded as direct costs for the Russell Stone Exterior Envelope Repair and Restoration. The AOC should recover any erroneously awarded costs to the extent legally and administratively possible.
- We recommend the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) evaluate the \$2,320 in questioned costs related to improper application of markups for the following projects: Russell Stone Exterior Envelope Repair and Restoration \$2,105 contractor's improper application of overhead and profit markups to first-tier subcontractor work. Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building Administrative Office Space Realignments \$215 1st tier subcontractor's improper application of markups on a 2nd tier subcontractor. The AOC should recover any erroneously awarded costs to the extent legally and administratively possible.
- We recommend the Architect of the Capitol review its potential change order (PCO) notification criteria and implement the following: Ensure that any diagrams or flowcharts referencing the criteria for PCO notification forms are consistent with the criteria outlined in the Planning and Project Management Memorandum (PPM Memo). Ensure the criteria in any PCO notification form templates are consistent with the criteria outlined in the PPM Memo.
- We recommend the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) require the Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc) to either address the damages resulting from the incorrect or improper work that the CMc performed during Phase 1 or recover the costs that the AOC incurs to remediate the damages. If feasible, the AOC should recover the costs it has already incurred for the repairs to date (\$29,324).
- We recommend the Architect of the Capitol ensure the supply diffusers near the Caucus Room ceiling are adjusted or replaced so they do not interfere with the use of the projector screen.
- 8 We recommend the Architect of the Capitol ensure design specifications clearly identify sound design A-weighted decibels goals for all rooms deemed to be sensitive to elevated noise.
- We recommend the Architect of the Capitol add steps to the commissioning process that require the commissioning agent to test Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning systems for acceptable sound levels in all rooms deemed to be sensitive to elevated noise.
- We recommend the Architect of the Capitol review its commissioning process and implement internal controls to ensure that the commissioning agent properly completes all required steps prior to commissioning work.
- We recommend the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) identify any other incomplete or incorrect work pertaining to the Heating, Ventilation and
 Air Conditioning system in the Caucus Room. The AOC should require the Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc) to complete the work in accordance with the contractual specifications or assess credits against the CMc for failing to properly complete its contractual obligations.

- We recommend the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) require the Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc) to submit a final Testing. Adjusting
 and Balancing report. If the CMc is unable to do so, the AOC should assess a credit against the CMc for failing to properly complete its
 contractual obligations.
- We recommend the Architect of the Capitol develop and adopt agencywide requirements for its Building Information Modeling Project Execution Plan to ensure contractors are informed and capable of meeting the required contractual deliverables.
- We recommend the Architect of the Capitol ensure the final as-built model of the Caucus Room includes all work performed in the room, regardless of which organization performed the work.
- We recommend the Architect of the Capitol ensure the Construction Manager as Constructor complies with the contractual requirements outlined in the Cannon House Office Building Renewal Project's Building Information Modeling Project Execution Plan.
- We recommend that the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) conduct an organizational-wide assessment to identify disposable property and discard the property per AOC Order 34-45 (Personal Property Manual) to ensure adequate storage space.
- We recommend that the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) research and implement federal government best practices for acquiring and maintaining adequate storage space to reduce the risk of theft.
- We recommend that the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) update and revise AOC Order 34-45 (Personal Property Manual) to (1) establish a dollar threshold for accountable property, (2) the greatest extent possible, ensure mission critical non-consumable property is consistently defined across AOC jurisdictions, (3) provide guidance on how to identify, document and track mission critical non-consumable and non-accountable property, (4) provide clear directions on administrative controls and (5) develop and enforce additional inventory and accountability procedures for accountable and non-accountable property to reduce the risk of mismanagement and lost property in accordance with federal best practices.
- 2 The Architect of the Capitol review the referenced polices (at minimum) and apply a consistent definition of "Management Official."
- 1 The Architect of the Capitol review and consider updating AOC Order 310-1, Employment of Relatives, September 12, 2012.
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- We recommend that the Diversity, Inclusion and Dispute Resolution Office (DI/DR) update its anti-harassment training to include language options that employees commonly use; examples specific to the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) workplace and workforce; consequences for supervisors if they fail to fulfill their responsibilities related to reporting and preventing harassment, retaliation and other prohibited conduct; consequences for misconduct; and explanations of the complaint process.
- We recommend that the Diversity, Inclusion and Dispute Resolution Office (DI/DR) develop and implement a process to receive and document recommendations and actions taken by Architect of the Capitol jurisdictions deciding officials involving sexual harassment allegations.
- We recommend that the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) develop and implement a process to report Equal Employment Opportunity-related information, as appropriate, to increase transparency and employee trust.
- We recommend that the Diversity, Inclusion and Dispute Resolution Office (DI/DR) develop office specific internal policies and procedures that require regular communication and updates to individuals on the status of their complaints and cases.
- We recommend that the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) update AOC Order 24-1 Conciliation Program Guide, May 22, 2013, to ensure it is providing consistent and current information about the conciliation process and resources available.
- We recommend that the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) document and implement a process to conduct follow up inquiries after resolution to identify employee concerns, verify safety, address fears of retaliation and ensure effective reintegration (as appropriate) to minimize negative impacts on its workforce.
- 4 We recommend that the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) develop or update policies and procedures to address how the agency will document and investigate nonemployee harassment.
- We recommend that the Diversity, Inclusion and Dispute Resolution Office (DI/DR) perform a climate assessment for jurisdictions that frequently work with the public to identify and address concerns regarding nonemployee harassment and hostile work environments.
- We recommend that the Diversity, Inclusion and Dispute Resolution Office (DI/DR) develop and implement office specific policies and procedures for documenting, monitoring and reporting cases in Entellitrak to ensure quality non- Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and EEO data.
- We recommend AOC management design a recovery plan that is consistent with federal guidance for implementation when improper payments are identified.
- 2 We recommend AOC management execute the process that assesses and monitors payment accuracy in its program and activities every one to three years.
- We recommend the Architect of the Capitol recovers or not award the questioned costs of \$3,551 identified within the Exterior Stone & Metal

 Preservation, Phase III project to the extent legally and administratively possible and ensure the contractor excludes subcontractor profit prior to applying contractual markups.
- We recommend the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) comply with the sequence of review and approval for its change orders as prescribed by its policies and procedures and ensure sufficient documentation is maintained. If the AOC deviates from its policies and procedures, the AOC should fully document the reason for the deviation.
- We recommend the Architect of the Capitol recover the unsupported questioned costs of \$6,944 identified within the Cannon House Office Building Renewal (\$226) and R-Tunnel (\$6,718) projects to the extent legally and administratively possible.
- We recommend the Architect of the Capitol perform the following: a. Recover the questioned costs of \$2,716 identified within the R-Tunnel Project to the extent legally and administratively possible. b. Review the insufficient supported questioned costs of \$478,557 (\$481,273 \$2,716) identified within the Cannon House Office Building Renewal (\$367,315) and R-Tunnel (\$111,242) projects to determine if the costs are supported and allowable; for any of the costs deemed unsupported and/or unallowable, recover the costs to the extent legally and administratively possible; as applicable, recover any additional amounts resulting from the application of items such as overhead and profits to the unallowable costs.
- We recommend the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) perform the following: a. Review the questioned costs of \$167,628 once the AOC determines whether Clark/Christian, A Joint Venture (CCJV) met the incentive fee requirements; if CCJV does not meet the incentive fee requirements and the 100 percent unspent project contingency funds are not awarded, the AOC should recover to the extent legally and administratively possible the AOC's proportional share of the of the questioned costs. b. Ensure project funds are not used to pay for damages caused by the contractor, even if those funds may be earned by the contractor at a later date.
- We recommend the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) perform the following: a. Recover the questioned costs of \$6,464 identified within the R-Tunnel Project to the extent legally and administratively possible. b. Review the questioned costs of \$68,940 (\$75,404 \$6,464) identified within the CHOBr (\$53,663) and R-Tunnel (\$15,277) projects to determine if the costs are allowable in accordance with contract requirements; and as applicable, recover any additional amounts resulting from the application of items like overhead and profits to the unallowable costs. c. Ensure future change orders adhere to the contractual language regarding overhead costs not being allowed as direct costs; and when the AOC determines that overhead costs are allowable as direct costs, document how and why that determination was made.
- We recommend that the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) consider requiring its contractors to carry builder's risk policies on a project-by-project basis, based on an evaluation of the risks that each project poses to the AOC.

- As a part of the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) annual review of active contracts to determine whether any contract modifications are
 necessary, we recommend that the AOC incorporate a review to identify (1) applicable clauses erroneously omitted during the formulation of the contract, (2) applicable contract clauses issued after contract award, and (3) inapplicable contract clauses.
- We recommend that the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) issue contract modifications to remove the inapplicable clauses included in the contract, if the AOC determines that it is beneficial and feasible to do so.
- We recommend that the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) issue contract modifications for the sampled contracts to include any applicable clauses that the AOC did not include in the contract at the time of award or in any modifications already issued, if the AOC determines that it is feasible to do so.
- We recommend that the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) consider structuring future Guaranteed Maximum Price contracts as 1) fixed-price amounts for general conditions and general requirements and 2) cost reimbursement for subcontracts that are fixed-price amounts between the general contractor and subcontractors, to assist in alleviating the AOC's administrative burden in properly administering the contract.
- The AOC revise the Board of Survey Process with codified punitive actions to act as a deterrent against future instances of employee negligence and misconduct regarding the loss of AOC property, including both IT mobile devices and personal property.
- The Chief Information Officer continue pursuit of transitioning to a single asset management system that addresses its program needs to track accountable and consumable IT property and establish a detailed implementation plan with target dates to transition to a single asset management system for accountable and consumable IT property as currently captured in Cireson and Jumpstock.
- The Chief Information Officer update ITD's current policy for accountable IT property, to include the incorporation of defined program personnel roles, requirements aligned with the property management lifecycle and all current program procedures.
- We recommend that the Office of the Chief Security Officer develop and implement suitability policy language to include clear lines of responsibility and processes. Improvements should include: In the contractor suitability policy, assign the responsibility for the centralized recordkeeping of intra-agency badging agreement Memorandums of Understanding or Agreements to the OCSO; and In both policies, guidance and requirements for secure badge return and protection and oversight of Personally Identifiable Information.
- We recommend the Office of the Chief Security Officer develop and implement a suitability policy for AOC employees and consolidate and implement revisions, as appropriate, to the current contractor suitability policy. Additionally, develop and implement a standardized timeline for policy revision and update within the current Fiscal Year.
- The Chief Administrative Officer, in coordination with AOC organization leaders, review and revise AOC-wide and jurisdictional policies to include standards for vehicle utilization, and guidance for implementing these standards while maintaining jurisdiction-level operational flexibility.
- The Chief Administrative Officer procure an AOC-wide fleet management information system with best-in-class fleet management capabilities, to include vehicle inventory, acquisition, disposal, utilization, cost, mileage and fuel use information for each vehicle, and automatic notification to fleet managers of maintenance due;
- 2 The Chief Administrative Officer review jurisdiction-level fleet policies and standardize jurisdictional best practices across the AOC where appropriate:
- We recommend that AOC: Finalize the new Quarterly Financial Review SharePoint application and ensure this new application addresses the current and prior year audit findings; and Revise the AOC's policies and procedures to align with the new application.
- 2 We recommend that AOC ensure supporting documentation for unliquidated obligations is maintained and readily available.
- We recommend that AOC review and properly closeout the following dormant unliquidated obligations (ULOs): 68 invalid ULOs valued at \$479,907.61; Nine unsupported questioned ULOs valued at \$90,109.58; Nine valid ULOs valued at \$8,230 that have not received a final invoice; and 231 ULOs with balances less than \$50. Funds put to better use: \$479,907.61 and Questioned costs: \$90,109.58
- We recommend the AOC inform the U.S. Capitol Police of the deferred security maintenance work elements prior to large public gatherings and events on the Capitol campus.
- We recommend the AOC Office of the Chief Security Officer hold a security briefing with AOC senior leadership for each event, which highlights the security threats and risks identified during their monitoring and received from coordinating agencies along with AOC's approach to manage such risks and instructions for jurisdictions to execute the developed preparation checklist.
- We recommend the AOC coordinate with the U.S. Capitol Police Board and legislative stakeholders to evaluate the overall focus on campus security, and reevaluate the responsibilities for design, installation and maintenance of the Capitol campus security systems and determine who should execute those responsibilities.
- We recommend the AOC Office of the Chief Security Officer establish well-defined policies and procedures with a preparation checklist for jurisdictions based on the severity of threat that provides clear guidance on execution of support activities related to coordination, mobilization, de-mobilization, asset protection and reporting of activities associated with special events across the Capitol campus.
- We recommend the AOC Office of the Chief Security Officer coordinate with U.S. Capitol Police to draft a memorandum of agreement to support the roles and responsibilities and services required for preparation and execution of the perimeter security plans for large public events.
- We recommend that the AOC develop and publish a discipline policy for exempt personnel, for transparency and consistency with other employee groups.

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