

Summary: Investigation of Questionable Invoicing Related to a DOI University Contract

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The OIG recently concluded an investigation into allegations of questionable invoicing on a Department of the Interior University (DOIU) contract to develop “high quality interactive multimedia instruction” to train Government employees.

We initiated our investigation after the Contracting Officer’s Representative (COR) on the contract reported that the contractor had invoiced \$27,585 for work on a Web-to-mobile course conversion, but after taking over the contract from another COR, she could not find any record of DOIU actually requesting the work or anyone from the Department with knowledge of the project. She said there was also no evidence of a kick-off meeting, which the contract required. The COR also alleged that the contractor separately invoiced DOIU for \$8,000 of work performed on another course prior to holding a kickoff meeting.

We found no evidence that the contractor submitted a false claim to the Department or improperly invoiced DOIU. Our investigation found that DOIU did request the Web-to-mobile project, the former DOIU COR on the project was aware that the course was in development, and the contractor did hold a kick-off meeting. We also determined that the contractor invoiced DOIU \$3,881 prior to the kick-off meeting for the other course; however, it was at DOIU’s request.

This is a summary of an investigative report that was issued to the Office of Policy, Management and Budget for information report that was issued to the Office of Policy, Management and Budget for information.

