

# U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS



## INVESTIGATIVE CASE SUMMARIES



### October 2017

In October 2017, a Department contract company agreed to pay over \$1.4 million to resolve allegations that it knowingly provided false information to the Department. OIG special agents determined the company did not comply with contractual obligations to ensure that U.S. embassy local guard force personnel were adequately trained.

In October 2017, a Department employee was suspended for 8 days without pay, received a warning letter, and was ordered to repay more than \$2,800 in shipping costs for abusing Unaccompanied Air Baggage policies while transferring to a new duty post. OIG special agents determined the employee attempted to ship 496 handbags and 78 handbag straps for a personally-owned business as household effects in order to avoid paying shipping charges and customs duty on these commercial items.