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Self-Initiated

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#### What We Looked At

We reviewed the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma's single audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, in order to identify findings that affect directly awarded Department of Transportation programs. An independent auditor prepared the single audit report, dated August 23, 2018.

#### What We Found

We found that the report contained a procurement and suspension and debarment finding that needs prompt action from the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) management.

#### **Recommendations**

We recommend that FHWA ensures that the Tribe complies with the procurement and suspension and debarment requirements. We also recommend that FHWA recovers \$1,531,442 from the Tribe, if applicable.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

## Memorandum

Date: February 13, 2019

Subject: ACTION: Report on a Single Audit of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma, Carnegie, OK | Report No. SA2019017

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From: George E. Banks, IV Program Director

To: Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Oklahoma Division Office

The Office of the Inspector General performs oversight of non-Federal auditors' single audit<sup>1</sup> reports and issues memoranda listing significant findings and recommendations requiring action by the Department of Transportation (DOT). When warranted, we also recommend that agencies recover funds that were inappropriately expended by non-Federal entities. Between 300 and 400 single audits reports are issued annually that include findings related to major programs directly funded by DOT.

We obtained the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma's single audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 from the Federal Audit Clearinghouse's Image Management System.<sup>2</sup> An independent auditor performed the audit pursuant to the provisions of the Office of the Management and Budget's (OMB) Circular A-133<sup>3</sup> and issued a report<sup>4</sup> dated August 23, 2018. See the table for the independent auditor's finding and our recommendations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A single audit, as required by the Single Audit Act of 1984, as amended, helps Government agencies and auditors oversee the expenditure of Federal funds by non-Federal entities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Federal Audit Clearinghouse Image Management System is a public database of completed single audits http://harvester.census.gov/facweb/—maintained by the U.S. Census Bureau on behalf of OMB.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations," requires the auditor to render an opinion on the entity's financial statements, identify inappropriate use of Federal funds, and report internal control and compliance deficiencies that affect Federal grant programs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Copies of single audit reports are available at the Clearinghouse's website, https://harvester.census.gov/facweb/.

Within 30 days of this report, your Agency should identify specific actions planned or taken to resolve<sup>5</sup> the independent auditor's finding, and provide a target action date for implementation of our recommendations. We will track the recommendations until your Agency provides documentation of final action. We will consider the recommendations closed upon our review and concurrence. All actions should be coordinated through your Agency's Single Audit Liaison. If you have any questions, please email them to singleauditrequest@oig.dot.gov.

cc: The Secretary DOT Appointee for Single Audits DOT Single Audit Liaison Audit Liaison, FHWA, HCFB-32

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Pursuant to DOT Memorandum, *Policy and Procedures for Expediting Action on Single Audit Report Recommendations* (2009).

Independent Auditor's Finding Number	Independent Auditor's Finding	OIG Recommendation Codes <sup>a</sup>	OIG Recommendations
2014-009 <sup>b</sup>	Non-compliance with the procurement and suspension and debarment requirements, resulting in questioned costs of \$1,531,442.	A1	We recommend that FHWA ensures that the Tribe complies with the procurement and suspension and debarment requirements.
same	same	A2	We recommend that FHWA recovers \$1,531,442 from the Tribe, if applicable.

### Table. Independent Auditor's Findings and OIG Recommendations

<sup>a</sup> We internally assign these codes and use them to track recommendations. We have included

them as a convenience to the Department when responding to this report.

<sup>b</sup> Caused an adverse opinion on the Highway Planning and Construction Cluster.

Source: Independent auditor's report

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