

2018-0002-INVI-P – Suspected Violations of Title 18 U.S. Code § 287 – False, Fictitious, or Fraudulent Claims: Not Substantiated; and Title 18 U.S. Code § 1001 – False Statements, Concealment: Not Substantiated

On October 17, 2017, the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) Office of Inspector General (OIG) received a complaint from an AOC employee (complainant) alleging that an AOC contractor may have submitted three claims for payment under an AOC contract that contained false information and inflated hourly labor rates.

The OIG investigation determined that the contract specifications did not spell out specific instructions regarding submission and substantiation of invoices, but that hourly labor rates under the contract were negotiated bilaterally and ratified by the AOC and the contractor. In January 2020, the OIG learned that the AOC and the contractor reached a tentative settlement on the claims that were the subject of the complainant's allegation.

Final Management Action: The investigation is closed.