



System Review Report

December 12, 2024

Mr. Christopher Failla
Inspector General
Architect of the Capitol
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Dear Mr. Failla,

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the audit organization of Architect of the Capitol (AOC) Office of Inspector General (OIG) in effect for the year ended March 31, 2024. AOC OIG's organizational structure incorporates a system of quality controls with adopted policies and established procedures that provide it with reasonable assurance of conforming, in all material respects, with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS) and applicable legal and regulatory requirements. The elements of quality control that all auditors must use are described in GAGAS.

In our opinion, the system of quality control for AOC OIG's audit organization, in effect for the year ended March 31, 2024, has been suitably designed and followed to provide AOC OIG with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in accordance with applicable professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements in all material respects.

Audit organizations can receive an External Peer Review rating of pass, pass with deficiencies, or fail. AOC OIG has received a rating of pass.

Monitoring of GAGAS Engagements Performed by Independent Public Accountants

In addition to reviewing its system of quality control to ensure its adherence with GAGAS, we applied certain limited procedures in accordance the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency's (CIGIE) established guidance related to AOC OIG's monitoring of engagements that were conducted in accordance with GAGAS and were performed by contracted Independent Public Accountants (IPA), who served as agency auditors.

We noted that the IPAs' monitoring of GAGAS engagements is not an audit and, therefore, is not subject to GAGAS requirements. The purpose of our limited procedures was to determine whether AOC OIG had controls to ensure the IPAs performed its contracted work in accordance with professional standards. However, our objective was not to express an opinion; accordingly, we do not express an opinion on AOC OIG's monitoring of work performed by IPAs.

Peace Corps Office of Inspector General

Memorandum For Record

We have issued a Memorandum for Record, dated November 19, 2024, that sets forth issues that were not considered to be of sufficient significance to affect our opinion expressed in this report.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our review in accordance with GAGAS and the CIGIE Guide for Conducting Peer Reviews of Audit Organizations of Federal Offices of Inspector General.

During our review, we obtained a sufficient understanding of the nature of the AOC OIG audit organization and the design of AOC OIG's system of quality control to assess the risks implicit in its audit function. Our assessment included a survey of AOC OIG's procedures, discussions with staff, and a review of any relevant supporting documentation. Based on our assessments, we selected GAGAS engagements and administrative files to test for its conformity with professional standards and compliance with AOC OIG's system of quality control. The GAGAS engagements selected represented a reasonable cross-section of the AOC OIG audit organization, with an emphasis on higher-risk engagements.

In performing our review, we obtained a foundational understanding of the AOC OIG audit organization's system of quality control. In addition, we tested AOC OIG's compliance with its internal quality control policies and procedures to the extent we considered appropriate. The tests covered the application of AOC OIG's policies and procedures on selected GAGAS engagements. Our review was based on selected tests and, therefore, would not necessarily detect all weaknesses in the system of quality control or all instances of noncompliance.

Prior to concluding the peer review, we reassessed the adequacy of the scope of the peer review procedures and met with AOC OIG management to discuss the results of our review. We believe that the procedures we performed provide a reasonable basis for our opinion. Enclosure 1 to this report identifies the engagements we reviewed. AOC OIG's response to the draft report is included in Enclosure 2.

Responsibilities and Limitation

AOC OIG is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of quality control designed to provide reasonable assurance that the AOC OIG and its personnel comply in all material respects with its professional standards and the applicable legal and regulatory requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion of the design of the system of quality control and AOC OIG's compliance based on our review.

There are inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any system of quality control; therefore, noncompliance with the system of quality control may occur and may not be detected. Projection of any evaluation of a system of quality control to future periods is subject to the risk that the system of quality control may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or because the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

We extend our sincere thank you to the participating AOC OIG representatives for their cooperation during our review. If you have any further questions regarding our report and

review, please contact Assistant Inspector General for Audit David Haney at 202.692.2958 or ghaney@peacecorpsoig.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joaquin Ferrao". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joaquin Ferrao
Inspector General

Enclosures

Scope and Methodology

We tested AOC OIG audit organization's compliance with its internal system of quality control to the extent we considered appropriate. These tests included a review of compliance with independence and training requirements. We conducted a review of the one audit engagement conducted in accordance with GAGAS issued from April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2024. We also reviewed the internal quality control reviews AOC OIG performed.

In addition, we reviewed AOC OIG's monitoring of 2 of the 12 GAGAS engagements performed by IPAs who served as agency auditors from April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2024. During the period, AOC OIG contracted for the audit of its agency's fiscal year 2021 financial statements and for a performance audit of the agency's construction of the Cannon House Office Building Renewal Project's construction and commissioning of the Caucus Room. AOC OIG also contracted for other GAGAS engagements.

We visited the AOC OIG office located in Washington, D.C., for IT equipment processing. We conducted this peer review virtually and issued surveys, held follow-up discussions with AOC OIG personnel, and reviewed supporting documentation.

REVIEWED GAGAS ENGAGEMENTS PERFORMED BY AOC OIG		
Report No.	Report Date	Report Title
OIG-AUD-2021-06	9/29/2021	Audit of the Architect of the Capitol's Unliquidated Obligations

REVIEWED MONITORING FILES OF AOC OIG FOR CONTRACTED GAGAS ENGAGEMENTS		
Report No.	Report Date	Report Title
OIG-AUD-2022-04	6/16/2022	Audit of Fiscal Year 2021 Financial Statements
OIG-AUD-2023-06	9/6/2023	The Architect of the Capitol Lacked Sufficient Oversight of the Cannon Caucus Room Renovations

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Enclosure 2

November 26, 2024

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Inspector General
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Dear Inspector General Ferrao:

Thank you for the report on the system of quality control for the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) audit organization in effect for three years ending on March 31, 2024. We are pleased that you found our system of quality control to be suitably designed and compliant to provide the AOC OIG with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards. We are further pleased to have received an External Peer Review rating of Pass.

Please extend our appreciation to the peer review team. If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Inspector General for Audit, at 202.215.3395 or Erica.Boyden@aoc.gov.

Sincerely,

Christopher P. Failla, CIG, CFE
Inspector General