



U.S. General Services Administration
Office of Inspector General

March 18, 2025

The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz
Inspector General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20530

Subject: External Peer Review Report on the U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General Audit Division

Dear Mr. Horowitz:

Attached is the System Review Report on the U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General Audit Division, conducted in accordance with the U.S. Government Accountability Office's *Government Auditing Standards* and the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency *Guide for Conducting Peer Reviews of Audit Organizations of Federal Offices of Inspector General*. Your response to the report is enclosed.

We appreciate the cooperation and courtesies extended to our staff during the review.

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Deputy Inspector General

Enclosure



System Review Report

March 18, 2025

The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz
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We have reviewed the system of quality control for the audit organization of the U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General (DOJ OIG) in effect for the year ended September 30, 2024. A system of quality control encompasses the DOJ OIG's organizational structure, and the policies and procedures the DOJ OIG established to provide it with reasonable assurance of conforming in all material respects with *Government Auditing Standards* and applicable legal and regulatory requirements. The elements of quality control are described in *Government Auditing Standards*.

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the audit organization of the DOJ OIG in effect for the year ended September 30, 2024, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the DOJ OIG with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements in all material respects.

Audit organizations can receive a rating of *pass*, *pass with deficiencies*, or *fail*. The DOJ OIG has received an external peer review rating of *pass*.

Monitoring of GAGAS Engagements Performed by Independent Public Accountants

In addition to reviewing its system of quality control to ensure adherence with *Government Auditing Standards*, we applied certain limited procedures in accordance with guidance established by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) related to the DOJ OIG's monitoring of engagements conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards (GAGAS engagements) by Independent Public Accountants (IPAs) under contract where the IPA served as the auditor. It should be noted that monitoring of GAGAS engagements performed by IPAs is not an audit and, therefore, is not subject to the requirements of *Government Auditing Standards*. The purpose of our limited procedures was to determine whether the DOJ OIG had controls to ensure IPAs performed contracted work in accordance with professional standards. However, our objective was not to express an opinion; accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the DOJ OIG's monitoring of work performed by IPAs.

Letter of Comment

We have issued a letter dated March 18, 2025, that sets forth a finding that was not considered to be of sufficient significance to affect our opinion expressed in this report.

Basis of Opinion

Our review was conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and the *CIGIE Guide for Conducting Peer Reviews of Audit Organizations of Federal Offices of Inspector General*.¹

During our review, we interviewed DOJ OIG personnel and obtained an understanding of the nature of the DOJ OIG audit organization and the design of the DOJ OIG's system of quality control sufficient to assess the risks implicit in its audit function. Based on our assessments, we selected GAGAS engagements and administrative files to test for conformity with professional standards and compliance with the DOJ OIG's system of quality control. The GAGAS engagements selected represented a reasonable cross-section of the DOJ OIG audit organization.

In performing our review, we obtained an understanding of the system of quality control for the DOJ OIG audit organization. In addition, we tested compliance with the DOJ OIG's quality control policies and procedures to the extent we considered appropriate. These tests covered the application of the DOJ OIG's policies and procedures on selected GAGAS engagements. Our review was based on selected tests; therefore, it 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 DOJ 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 DOJ OIG engagements we reviewed.


Responsibilities and Limitation

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

¹ March 2020.

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.

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Scope and Methodology

We tested compliance with the DOJ OIG audit organization's system of quality control to the extent we considered appropriate. These tests included a review of 11 of 66 GAGAS engagements issued from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. We also reviewed all of the internal quality control reviews performed by the DOJ OIG for the same period.

In addition, we reviewed the DOJ OIG's monitoring of GAGAS engagements performed by IPAs where the IPA served as the auditor from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. During the period, the DOJ OIG contracted for the audit of its agency's Fiscal Year 2024 financial statements. The DOJ OIG also contracted for other GAGAS engagements that were performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Reviewed GAGAS Engagements Performed by the DOJ OIG

Report Number	Report Date	Report Title
24-028	02/01/2024	<i>Review of the U.S. Department of Justice's Accounting of Drug Control Funding Fiscal Year 2023</i>
24-075	07/02/2024	<i>Audit of the Office of Justice Programs Victim Assistance Funds Subawarded by the District of Columbia's Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants to the Network for Victim Recovery of DC, Washington, D.C.</i>
24-078	07/17/2024	<i>Audit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Violent Criminal Apprehension Program</i>
24-083	07/25/2024	<i>Audit of the Office of Justice Programs Victim Compensation Grants Awarded to the Florida Department of Legal Affairs, Tallahassee, Florida</i>
24-091	08/21/2024	<i>Audit of Office of Justice Programs Grants Awarded to the Center for Family Services, Inc., Camden, New Jersey</i>
24-096	08/29/2024	<i>Audit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Handling of Tips of Hands-on Sex Offenses Against Children</i>
24-107	09/17/2024	<i>Audit of the Department of Justice's Strategy to Combat and Respond to Ransomware Threats and Attacks</i>
24-114	09/26/2024	<i>Audit of the Drug Enforcement Administration's Use of Polygraphs in the Pre-employment and Foreign Vetting Processes</i>

Reviewed DOJ OIG Monitoring Files for Contracted GAGAS Engagements

Report Number	Report Date	Report Title
24-020	01/04/2024	<i>Audit of the U.S. Department of Justice Annual Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2023</i>
24-038	02/15/2024	<i>Audit of the Criminal Division's Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section Special Analytics System Pursuant to the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014, Fiscal Year 2023</i>
24-050	02/28/2024	<i>Audit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Data Exchange and Javelin Systems Pursuant to the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014, Fiscal Year 2023</i>



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March 13, 2025

Robert C. Erickson
Deputy Inspector General
U.S. General Services Administration

Dear Mr. Erickson:

Thank you for providing the official draft of the System Review Report and Letter of Comment, dated March 10, 2025, of the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General's Audit Division. I am pleased with the rating of "pass" and the determination that our system of quality control, in all material aspects, is suitably designed and complies with all applicable professional standards to provide assurance of performing and reporting audits. I do not have any comments on the draft System Review Report. My Assistant Inspector General for Audit's response to the draft Letter of Comment is enclosed.

The peer review process is critical to the OIG community's efforts to maintain the trust and confidence of the American public it serves. I understand that even during normal circumstances it can be a challenging process, and I wish to thank and commend your staff for their work on this review. Their thorough work, helpful feedback, and timely completion of the review are a testament to their professionalism and dedication to our shared OIG mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael E. Horowitz".

Michael E. Horowitz
Inspector General

Enclosure