

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

2023-0003-INVI-P - Allegations of Wasteful and Unnecessary Spending

Suspected Violations of the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) "Standards of Conduct" Policy and "Contracting Manual." Not Substantiated.

The AOC Office of Inspector General (OIG) received an allegation that an AOC supervisor at the Library Buildings and Grounds had purchased unnecessary items and wasted AOC funds.

The OIG investigation into the allegation revealed that the supervisor was responsible for purchasing supplies, tools and equipment for multiple shifts, thus increasing their number of purchase requests. Evidence obtained by the OIG displayed the required documentation and approvals had been submitted with all requests for purchase made by the supervisor.

Additionally, the OIG conducted an inventory inspection at which time Library Buildings and Grounds management displayed all items requested by the OIG, provided reasonable explanations for a sampling of the purchases and displayed their control mechanisms in place to ensure supplies and equipment were properly inventoried and maintained (including locking all items when not in use).

The investigation did not reveal evidence in support of the allegations of wasteful or unnecessary spending.

Final Management Action: The case is closed.