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Inspector General

June 28, 2022

The Honorable Jay N. Lerner  
Inspector General  
Office of Inspector General  
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation  
3501 Fairfax Drive  
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Dear Mr. Lerner:

**EXTERNAL PEER REVIEW REPORT ON THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE  
CORPORATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL INSPECTION AND EVALUATION  
ORGANIZATION**

Enclosed is the final External Peer Review Report of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Office of Inspector General inspection and evaluation organization conducted in accordance with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency *Guide for Conducting External Peer Reviews of Inspection and Evaluation Organizations of Federal Offices of Inspector General*. This review was discussed with members of your staff on June 13, 2022.

We thank you and your staff for the assistance and cooperation received during the conduct of the review.

Sincerely,

Ben R. Wagner

Enclosures



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**External Peer Review Report**

June 28, 2022

The Honorable Jay N. Lerner  
Inspector General  
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Dear Mr. Lerner:

This required external peer review was conducted in accordance with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) Inspection and Evaluation Committee guidance as contained in the CIGIE *Guide for Conducting External Peer Reviews of Inspection and Evaluation Organizations of Federal Offices of Inspector General*, December 2020. The peer review was conducted April 18, 2022, through June 13, 2022. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the peer review was performed remotely.

The External Peer Review Team (Review Team) assessed the extent to which the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Office of Inspector General (FDIC OIG) complied with standards from CIGIE's *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation* (Blue Book), January 2012. Specifically, the Review Team assessed quality control, planning, data collection and analysis, evidence, records maintenance, reporting, and follow up. The assessment included a review of FDIC OIG's internal policies and procedures implementing the seven covered Blue Book standards. It also included a review of selected inspection and evaluation reports issued between April 1, 2021, and March 31, 2022, to determine whether the reports complied with the covered Blue Book standards and FDIC OIG's internal policies and procedures.

The Review Team determined that FDIC OIG's policies and procedures generally were consistent with the seven Blue Book standards addressed in the external peer review. Additionally, all three reports reviewed generally complied with the covered Blue Book standards and FDIC OIG's associated internal policies and procedures. Your response to the report is included as an enclosure.

The Honorable Jay N. Lerner  
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Thank you and your staff for your assistance and professionalism throughout the peer review.

Sincerely,

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Ben R. Wagner

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## SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY

The Review Team selected three reports for review, as required for medium-sized organizations. During the period under review, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Office of Inspector General (FDIC OIG) issued four reports citing compliance with Blue Book standards. One of the four reports was substantially less in scope and methodology than the other three and was therefore excluded from our sample. The reports selected were:

- *Reliability of Data in the FDIC Virtual Supervisory Information on the Net System*; EVAL-22-001; Issued November, 22, 2021
- *Termination of Bank Secrecy Act/Anti-Money Laundering Consent Orders*; EVAL-22-002; Issued December 1, 2021
- *The FDIC's Implementation of Supply Chain Risk Management*; EVAL-22-003; Issued March 1, 2022

The Review Team obtained and reviewed FDIC OIG's policies and procedures, prior External Peer Review report and Letter of Comment, quality assurance reports, annual work plans, project documentation, and recommendation tracking details. The Review Team conducted the peer review remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, we did not perform any onsite visits. However, the Review Team met with FDIC OIG points of contact via video conference as needed.

There were no constraints on the Review Team's ability to exercise its professional judgment. Additionally, there were no limitations on or impairments to the Review Team's independence.

REVIEWED ORGANIZATION COMMENTS TO DRAFT REPORT



Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation  
Office of Inspector General

June 21, 2022

The Honorable Ben R. Wagner  
Inspector General  
Tennessee Valley Authority  
400 West Summit Hill Drive  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-1401

Dear Mr. Wagner,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Peer Review Report, transmitted on June 14, 2022, of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Office of Inspector General's evaluation organization for the period ending March 31, 2022. We are pleased that your independent review concluded that our policies and procedures generally were consistent with the seven standards from CIGIE's *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation* (Blue Book) (January 2012). We are also pleased that all three reports you reviewed complied with covered Blue Book standards and our internal policies and procedures.

We appreciate the efforts and professionalism of your staff in conducting this review. Should you have any questions, please contact me or Terry L. Gibson, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, Evaluations, and Cyber at (703) 562-2529.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay N. Lerner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jay N. Lerner  
Inspector General