

# U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS



## INVESTIGATIVE CASE SUMMARIES



### August 2018

In August 2018, a Department contractor agreed to pay a \$145,504 settlement to resolve allegations that it falsely billed the Department for employee mobilization and demobilization travel expenses previously collected from its employees. OIG special agents investigated this matter.

Also in August, a Department contracting officer and division chief were each issued a Letter of Admonishment for failure to follow policy and report suspected fraud to OIG. In 2017, OIG and FBI special agents determined that Department employees were engaged in a multi-level marketing scheme with a Department contractor. The failure to properly report the potential fraud means that OIG did not become aware of the scheme until the violations were reported 14 months later by another source.