

# **Summary: FWS Contractor Did Not Falsely Certify Payments**

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The OIG investigated allegations that an FWS contractor falsely certified payments to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) under a construction contract it held in the Southeast Region and that the contractor failed to pay a subcontractor for work performed.

We found no evidence that the contractor falsely certified payments to the FWS or that it withheld payment to its subcontractor. We found that the subcontractor did not provide the contractor with timely and accurate support for its invoices and that there were legitimate delays in the contractor's payments to the subcontractor. In an eventual settlement, the subcontractor acknowledged they had been paid in full for the work performed.

This is a summary of an investigative report we issued to the FWS Principal Deputy Director.

