



November 21, 2001

OIG REPORT 02-10 (H)

**MEMORANDUM FOR: RONALD BLANKENSHIP
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

SUBJECT: Memorandum Survey Report
Review of Calhoun County Mobile Technology Project
WV-13611

PURPOSE

The purposes of our review were (1) to determine the allowability of the costs claimed under the ARC grant, (2) to determine if the grant objectives were met and (3) to determine the current status of the project.

SCOPE

Our survey included procedures to review costs incurred and claimed for reimbursement under the grant, as well as costs claimed as matching funds. The period of performance for the grant was April 4, 2000 to December 1, 2001. We reviewed the grantee's reports, examined records, and held discussions with grantee officials in Mt. Zion, West Virginia, on October 26, 2001. As a basis for determining allowable costs and compliance requirements, we used the provisions of the grant agreement, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A-87 and A-102, and the ARC Code. Audit work was performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.

BACKGROUND

ARC Grant WV-13611 was awarded to the Calhoun County Schools to provide funds to underwrite the acquisition of laptop computers, servers, software programs, installation costs, license fees and consultant training services for students, parents and teachers. The computers will enhance the overall educational curriculum and improve the use of computers by the students and their families.

The total project cost was \$400,000. The ARC grant was for \$320,000 (80%) and the grantee was to pay or cause to be paid the non-federal matching contribution of \$80,000 (20%).

RESULTS


Financial Review

During our visit, we reviewed the grantee's accounting records, including invoices and supporting documentation for the grant costs charged to the project. Total claimed costs were supported by the grantee's accounting records and no deficiencies were noted as to the allowability of the expenses or the adequacy of the documentation for the expenditures we reviewed. The grantee appears to have met their requirements for matching funds.

At the time of our visit the grantee had expensed \$374,473 including \$294,473 of ARC grant costs and matching costs of \$80,000. The grantee received an advance payment of \$288,000 on September 26, 2000, and will submit their Final Reimbursement Request with their final report shortly.

Program Review

The grantee appears to have completed the tasks required in the grant and has a very successful program in place. The new school was built with technology in mind and they have implemented the laptops into most courses along with strong usage in administrative tasks also, i.e. teachers to parents, students and office.


Hubert N. Sparks
Inspector General




January 3, 2002

MEMORANDUM FOR The Federal Co-Chairman
ARC Executive Director

SUBJECT: OIG Reports

Enclosed are copies of memorandum reports (listed below) that, according to our records, were not forwarded to your office at the time of issuance. These reports do not identify conditions needing followup, and we have closed the reports.

- o 01-43(H)—ARC Grant SC-13555, SC Manufacturing Extension Partnership
- o 01-45(H)—ARC Grant SC-13549, SC Export Consortium
- o 01-46(H)—ARC Grant AL-13259, TN Valley Institute for Entrepreneurial Education
- o 01-47(H)—ARC Grant AL-13086, Jackson County Distance Learning
- o 01-48(H)—ARC Grant GA-13626, Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Project
- o 01-49(H)—ARC Grant GA-13548, North GA College—Entrepreneurial Education
- o 01-50(H)—ARC Grant GA-13553, Appalachian Community Enterprises
- o 02-1(H)—ARC Grant OH-13743, Foundation for Appalachian OH
- o 02-2(H)—ARC Grant OH-12745, Shawnee State University, Children's Learning Center
- o 02-3(H)—ARC Grant MS-12638, Golden Triangle Regional Airport Authority
- o 02-9(H)—ARC Grant WV-13656, Hardy County Mobile Technology Project
- o 02-10(H)—ARC Grant WV-13611, Calhoun County Mobile Technology Project
- o 02-11(H)—ARC Grant WV-13634, Summersville Jr. High Mobile Technology Project
- o 02-12(H)—ARC Grant WV-13610, McDowell County Mobile Technology Project


Hubert n. Sparks
Inspector General

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Judy Rae



November 29, 2001

Mr. Ronald Blankenship
Superintendent of Schools
Calhoun County Board of Education
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re: OIG Report 02-10(H), ARC Grant WV-13611


Dear Mr. Blankenship:

Enclosed is a copy of our report on the subject grant. We consider the report closed.

A copy of the report is being provided to the Federal Co-Chairman, ARC Executive Director, and West Virginia State Alternate.

The courtesies and cooperation afforded the auditor were appreciated.

Sincerely,


Hubert N. Sparks
Inspector General

Enclosure