



Office of Inspector General

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The Honorable Shaun Donovan
Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20503

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2015 Report on the Millennium Challenge Corporation's
Implementation of Audit Recommendations Relating to Travel and Purchase Cards

Dear Mr. Donovan:

This is the U.S. Agency for International Development Office of Inspector General's (OIG's) annual report on the Millennium Challenge Corporation's (MCC's) implementation of recommendations related travel and purchase cards. This report is required under the Government Charge Card Abuse Prevention Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-194). The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provided guidance for interpreting the law's requirements in OMB Memorandum M-13-21, "Implementation of the Government Charge Card Abuse Prevention Act of 2012." OMB directed that the OIG for each executive agency report annually on the implementation of recommendations concerning travel and purchase cards. This includes any recommendations that remain open and those closed during the past fiscal year.

A search of OIG recommendations relating to MCC's travel and purchase cards programs did not find any open recommendations relating to purchase cards. However, we found one recommendation closed in fiscal year 2014 and one closed in fiscal year 2015 that were related to the travel card program. MCC's implementation of these recommendations is summarized in the attachment to this letter.

If you have any questions concerning this report, please contact Fred Jones, OIG/MCC Director of Financial Audits, at (202) 216-6963.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Inspector General

Enclosure

**MCC's Implementation of OIG Audit Recommendations
Closed in Fiscal Year 2014 and Fiscal Year 2015 Related to Its Travel Card
Program**

Audit of the Millennium Challenge Corporation's Controls Over the Use of Premium Class Travel, Report No. M-000-14-001-P (December 17, 2013)

Recommendations	Management Decision	Final Action
<p>Recommendation 1. We recommended that MCC's Vice President of Administration and Finance revise MCC's <i>Temporary Duty Travel Policy and Procedures</i> to require its travel agents to document cost comparisons of coach and premium class tickets for the domestic legs of the trip before approving any for travel.</p>	<p>In its final management decision, MCC concurred with OIG's recommendation to revise its travel policy in order to align with Federal Travel Regulation 301-10.125.</p>	<p>MCC entered into an agreement with a new travel agent, CWT SatoTravel, on May 1, 2014. MCC said it requires its travel agents to document cost comparisons of coach and premium class tickets for all trips before they are approved. MCC's Vice President of Administration and Finance issued an interim amendment that deleted the requirement for domestic segments to be considered separately when calculating the cost between coach and premium class tickets. Based on information provided by MCC, this recommendation was closed on June 24, 2015.</p>
<p>Recommendation 2. We recommended that MCC's Vice President of Administration and Finance revise MCC's travel approval form to document its cost comparison of coach and premium class tickets for the domestic legs of the trip before approving any for travel.</p>	<p>In its final management decision, MCC concurred with OIG's recommendation.</p>	<p>MCC officials said the GSA e-travel systems configuration eliminates the need for the travel approval form. Based on information provided by MCC, this recommendation was closed on March 31, 2014.</p>