



December 3, 2019

Honorable Scott S. Dahl  
Inspector General  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S-5512  
Washington, DC 20210

## External Peer Review Report

Dear Mr. Dahl:

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 Peer Reviews of Inspection and Evaluation Organizations of Federal Offices of Inspector General*. The CIGIE External Peer Review Team (Review Team) conducted the peer review from August 2019 through December 5, 2019.

The Review Team assessed the extent to which the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Inspector General (Labor OIG) met seven standards in CIGIE's *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation* (Blue Book), issued January 2012, specifically: Quality Control; Planning; Data Collection and Analysis; Evidence; Records Maintenance; Reporting; and Followup. This assessment included a review of the Labor OIG's internal policies and procedures included in its *Office of Audit (OA) Handbook* (June 2017), implementing the seven required Blue Book standards. It also included a review of selected inspection and evaluation reports issued between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2019 to determine whether the reports complied with the covered Blue Book standards and the Labor OIG's internal policies and procedures.

The Review Team determined that the policies and procedures of the Labor OIG generally met the seven Blue Book standards addressed in the external peer review. Of the three reports reviewed, all generally met the Blue Book standards and complied with Labor OIG's internal policies and procedures.

We have issued a separate letter of comment dated December 3, 2019 that sets forth specific observations and suggestions identified during the peer review aimed at improving the Labor OIG's policies and procedures. The Labor OIG provided a response to our letter and agreed with our observations and suggestions.

Sincerely,

  
Jay N. Lerner  
Inspector General