

U.S. Department of Labor Office of Inspector General

2010 Recovery Plan

Overview

OIG Name:	U.S. Department of Labor Office of Inspector General
OIG Broad Recovery Act Goals:	<p>OIG's goals for oversight of DOL's use of ARRA funds are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement an audit plan to ensure DOL and its agencies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequately plan for administration and oversight of ARRA funds; • Award grants and contracts based on merit and evidence of responsible spending; • Report in a timely and transparent manner on recipients' performance; • Implement provisions of the ARRA, as required; and • Spend ARRA funds timely and appropriately. 2. Prevent and immediately address fraud, waste, and abuse of ARRA funds. 3. Be pro-active. OIG will issue alert memos or other correspondence to the appropriate agency when auditors identify problems requiring corrective action. 4. Target resources to high-risk programs. <p>OIG is auditing DOL's implementation of ARRA provisions and use of ARRA funds in three phases — (1) how DOL is planning its administration and oversight, (2) how DOL awards funds to grantees and contractors, and (3) how grantees and contractors performed and what was accomplished with Recovery Act funding.</p>
OIG Broad Training and Outreach Recovery Act Goals:	<p>The OIG's outreach ARRA goals include work by the Office of Audit (OA), Office of Labor Racketeering and Fraud Investigations (OLRFI) and Office of Legal Services (OLS). The OA coordinates work and shares information on the status of ARRA audits with other Federal agencies through regular meetings and conference calls with Government Accountability Office and the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board. The OLS, which operates OIG's hotline, has posted information about ARRA's whistleblower protection provisions on the OIG's Recovery Act web site at http://www.oig.dol.gov/recovery/. The web site describes various ways (e.g., phone, e-mail, mail) of reporting whistleblower and other ARRA-related complaints to the hotline. OLS will direct OIG staff who receive an ARRA-related complaint to forward it immediately to the OIG hotline for review. OLRFI, through coordination with Department of Labor agencies, other law enforcement entities, and non-law enforcement organizations with whom OLRFI interacts will provide training and instruction to OLRFI employees, states, ARRA recipients, and the general public on best practices for detecting and reporting potential fraud, waste, and abuse relating to ARRA funding.</p> <p>As requested, DOL-OIG will make presentations and provide training about its oversight work to other DOL and Federal agencies, as well as non-governmental associations and stakeholder groups.</p>

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OIG Recovery Act Risk Assessment Process:	<p>DOL OIG reviewed the Recovery Act legislation to determine the distribution of funds across DOL agencies and to identify initiatives which require new or additional reporting and administrative responsibilities. Additionally, OIG analyzed information from multiple sources to identify high-risk programs. These sources include prior risk assessments used to develop the annual Office of Audit workplan, findings and recommendations from previous OIG and GAO reports, testimony at Congressional hearings, and data from the annual Department of Labor Performance and Accountability Report. In FY 2010, OIG anticipates auditing the following DOL Recovery Act programs: YouthBuild grants, Workforce Investment Act (WIA) training and services to adults and dislocated workers, Job Corps contracts, plans to ensure data quality for recipient reporting (Section 1512 of ARRA), National Emergency Grants for Health Coverage Assistance, competitive grants for worker training in high growth and emerging industry sectors, DOL coordination of Federal infrastructure and unemployment insurance investments, WIA year-round youth program, reauthorization of Trade Adjustment Assistance, state grants for unemployment insurance modernization, enforcement of worker protection laws such as Davis Bacon, and grants for Reemployment Services for UI claimants. OIG's risk assessment of these programs is ongoing.</p> <p>As OIG obtains and reviews new information about Recovery Act implementation from audit field work, related hotline complaints, Congressional hearings, meetings with DOL executive staff, and other events, DOL OIG may initiate audit work, as needed.</p>
OIG Staff Dedicated to Recovery Act Oversight:	The Office of Audit has hired 2 FTE for Recovery Act work.
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OIG Recovery Act Funds:	\$6,000,000
Expiration Date of OIG Recovery Act Funds:	September 30, 2012
OIG Recovery Act Funds Allocated to Contracts:	Yes
Purpose of Recovery Act Contracts:	Contractors will perform audit work on various DOL programs and operations that have received ARRA funds or have responsibilities for ARRA implementation. To date, OIG has awarded contracts to audit the following DOL programs: Federal Additional Compensation (FAC) Benefits under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and WIA Training and Services to Adults and Dislocated Workers.
Types of Recovery Act Contracts Awarded to Date:	Two contracts have been awarded. The contract type for these competitions is firm-fixed price, plus actual travel costs. OIG only plans to use this type of contract for future contract work related to the Recovery Act.
Link to OIG Recovery Act Work Plan:	http://www.oig.dol.gov/recovery/