Highlights of Report Number: 06-04-001-02-201, a report to the Assistant Secretary, Veterans’ Employment and Training Service (VETS). December 4, 2003.

WHY READ THE REPORT

The Department of Labor’s Veterans’ Employment and Training Service (VETS) administers the Homeless Veterans’ Reintegration Program (HVRP) to provide funding to help homeless veterans obtain jobs. While official statistics do not exist, the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) estimates that up to 500,000 veterans experience homelessness at some point during the year. This target group copes with other barriers to employment, including mental illness (45 percent) and substance abuse (70 percent). HVRP grants support a range of services that include job training, counseling and placement.

WHY OIG CONDUCTED THE AUDIT

The audit resulted from an OIG investigation of alleged financial mismanagement by Rehabilitation Services and Veterans Programs (RS&VP), a private nonprofit agency in Albuquerque, New Mexico. RS&VP received $1.7 million in HVRP grants for the period April 1, 1998, through June 30, 2003. Currently, a $150,000 VETS’ grant for the period July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004, is RS&VP’s only DOL funding. The audit objectives were to determine if RS&VP’s internal controls and financial management systems provided reasonable assurance that costs charged to the DOL grants were allowable, properly allocated, adequately documented and properly reported.

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