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Highlights of Report Number: 02-06-205-03-390, to the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training.

WHY READ THE REPORT

The Youth Offender Demonstration Program (YODP) was designed to reduce recidivism and attain long-term employment at livable wage levels for youth between 14 and 24 years old, who were offenders, gang-involved or at-risk of becoming gang-involved. YODP services include education and mental health counseling and referrals, employment training, sports and recreation, youth development, and community service projects.

In 2002, Yonkers WIB received a \$600,000 YODP grant and agreed to enroll an estimated 100 targeted youth from the Yonkers area, and offer various services, including providing over 50 participants with skills training or work experience, and placing 15 in unsubsidized employment.

WHY OIG DID THE AUDIT

The audit objectives were to determine if Yonkers WIB: (1) provided YODP services to Yonkers, New York, area youth between 14 and 24 years old who were offenders, gang-involved or at-risk of becoming gang-involved; (2) adequately documented the occupational skills training, subsidized and unsubsidized work experience, and placements that were reported to the Employment and Training Administration; and (3) ensured that grant costs were reasonable and allocable to the grant. Our audit period was June 24, 2002 through December 30, 2003.

READ THE FULL REPORT

To view the report, including the scope, methodology, and agency response, go to:

<http://www.oig.dol.gov/public/reports/oa/2006/02-06-205-03-390.pdf>

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YONKERS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD (WIB) YOUTH OFFENDER DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM (YODP) GRANT

WHAT OIG FOUND

The OIG found that Yonkers WIB:

- Served some targeted youth, however, neither Yonkers WIB nor its largest CBO contractor, Nepperhan Community Center (Nepperhan), could document that the CBO provided YODP services to targeted youth. Yonkers WIB paid Nepperhan \$56,938 without ensuring it had the staff needed to provide YODP services.
- Reported performance data to ETA that was not documented.

Except for Nepperhan costs, nothing came to our attention that would lead us to believe that costs were not reasonable and allocable to the grant.

WHAT OIG RECOMMENDED

The OIG recommended the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training recover questioned costs of \$56,938 and ensure that Yonkers WIB establishes an adequate management information system with policies and procedures to manage performance for other DOL grants.

On January 13, 2006, Yonkers WIB responded to the draft report stating that there may be reason to support administrative findings, but it did not believe that there is evidence to support the questioned costs. However, the response did not specifically address the recommendations. Since no additional information was provided, the report findings remain unchanged. The recommendations will be resolved during DOL's formal audit resolution process.