



OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL INSPECTOR GENERAL
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

March 22, 2023

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Re: External Peer Review Report

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 (Blue Book)*. The peer review was conducted from October 26, 2022 through March 22, 2023.

The Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program assessed the extent to which AmeriCorps Office of Inspector General's (OIG) Office of Audit complied with the CIGIE Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation, December 2020 (Blue Book). This assessment included a review of AmeriCorps OIG's' internal evaluation policies and procedures implementing the Blue Book standards for the three-year period under review. It also included a review of selected inspection and evaluation reports issued between October 1, 2019 and September 30, 2022 to determine whether the reports complied with the Blue Book standards and AmeriCorps OIGs internal policies and procedures.

The Reviewing OIG determined that AmeriCorps OIG's policies and procedures generally were consistent with the seven Blue Book standards addressed in the external peer review. Each of the reports reviewed generally complied with the seven covered Blue Book standards.

Sincerely,

Melissa Bruce
Principal Deputy Special Inspector General
Performing the Duties of the Special Inspector General
Office of the Special Inspector General
for the Troubled Asset Relief Program

Enclosures (2)

Scope and Methodology

SIGTARP judgmentally selected the following two reports for review from five reports issued for the period October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2022.

Report No.	Report Date	Report Title
OIG-EV-21-01	March 30, 2021	<i>Evaluation of AmeriCorps Grants Awarded to the Maine Commission for Community Service and Subgrantees.</i>
OIG-EV-22-06	July 21, 2022	<i>Penetration Testing and Phishing Campaign Evaluation</i>

We conducted this external peer review remotely, using video and electronic communications. All files reviewed were transferred securely and did not contain any classified information. The peer review was conducted from October 2022 through March 2023. We conducted this review in accordance with the *CIGIE Guide for Conducting Peer Reviews of Inspection and Evaluation Organizations of Federal Offices of Inspector General*.

AmeriCorps OIG Comments to Draft Peer Review Report



Deborah J. Jeffrey
Inspector General

March 21, 2023

Melissa J. Bruce, Acting Inspector General
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the Troubled Asset Relief Program (SIGTARP)
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SUBJECT: Comment on the Draft Report of External Peer Review, Inspections and
Evaluations

Dear Ms. Bruce:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft report for the external peer review of the Inspection and Evaluation (I&E) policies and procedures of AmeriCorps Office of Inspector General (AmeriCorps OIG). My staff and I are pleased with the peer review's positive outcome, which provides independent confirmation that our I&E operations comply with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation* (Blue Book), December 2020.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the Review Team for their excellent work. My staff appreciated the opportunity to share ideas on I&E operations. Overall, this was a very positive experience and a valuable opportunity for AmeriCorps OIG.

If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Monique P. Colter at 202-606-9360.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah J. Jeffrey". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Deborah J. Jeffrey