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External Peer Review Final Report

September 23, 2021

To: Joshua Rowell, Assistant Inspector General for Inspections and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General, Architect of the Capitol

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 April 13, 2021 through September 23, 2021.

The OIG, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC OIG), assessed the extent to which OIG, Architect of the Capitol (AOC OIG) complied with the seven covered Blue Book standards, specifically: Quality Control; Planning; Data Collections and Analysis; Evidence; Records Maintenance; Reporting; and Followup. This assessment included a review of the AOC OIG's internal policies and procedures (*Inspection and Evaluation Policies and Procedures Manual*, February 1, 2021) implementing the seven covered CIGIE *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation*, January 2012. It also included a review of selected inspection and evaluation reports issued between March 30, 2019 and March 30, 2021 to determine whether the reports complied with the covered Blue Book standards and the AOC OIG's internal policies and procedures.

Overall Conclusion

The Reviewing OIG determined that the AOC 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 complied with the seven covered Blue Book standards.

We have issued a Letter of Comment dated September 23, 2021 that describes findings that were not considered to sufficiently impact compliance with a covered Blue Book standard.

Joyce T. Willoughby
Acting Inspector General

Enclosure(s)
As stated

ENCLOSURE 1: Scope and Methodology

The EEOC OIG selected the following two reports for review. These reports were reviewed because they were the two most recently issued reports and therefore most reflective of the current status of the inspection and evaluation unit activities.

1. *Evaluation of the Architect of the Capitol's Emergency Preparedness Posture Evaluation Report* (2020-0002-IE-P).
2. *Evaluation of the Architect of the Capitol's Tree Maintenance Program Evaluation Report* (2020-0003-IE-P).

The EEOC OIG conducted all aspects of the peer review remotely, communicating with the AOC OIG staff by email and videoconferencing. All files required for the peer review were electronic and accessed using a secure means for AOG OIG to upload files and for EEOC OIG to access the files.

ENCLOSURE 2: Reviewed Organization Comments to Draft Peer Review Report



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Mr. Milton A. Mayo Jr.
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Dear Mr. Mayo:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency inspections and evaluations external peer review draft report on the Architect of the Capitol (AOC), Office of Inspector General (OIG), sent by your office on July 28, 2021. The Review Team concluded in its report that the AOC OIG policies and procedures generally were consistent with the seven Blue Book standards addressed in the external peer review and the reports reviewed complied with the seven covered Blue Book standards.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the professionalism and thoroughness demonstrated by the Review Team while conducting the review. Should you have any questions please contact Chico Bennett at 202.394.2391 or chico.bennett@aoc.gov.

Sincerely,

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