External Peer Review Report

May 27, 2022

David L. Hunt
Inspector General
Federal Communications Commission

Dear Inspector General Hunt:

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 November 18, 2021 through May 11, 2022.

The Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM) Office of Inspector General (OIG) assessed the extent to which the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) OIG complied with the seven covered Blue Book standards, specifically: Quality Control; Planning; Data Collections and Analysis; Evidence; Records Maintenance; Reporting; and Follow up. This assessment included a review of FCC OIG’s Revised Audit Manual dated March 2018, implementing the seven covered Blue Book standards, dated January 2012. It also included a review of two selected inspection and evaluation reports issued between October 1, 2018 and September 30, 2021 to determine whether the reports complied with the covered Blue Book standards and FCC OIG’s internal policies and procedures. Finally, it included a review of FCC OIG’s updated draft Audit Manual implementing the seven covered Blue Book standards, dated December 2020.

Overall Conclusion

The Reviewing OIG determined that FCC OIG’s policies and procedures generally were consistent with each of the seven Blue Book standards addressed in the external peer review. Of the two reports reviewed, both reports generally complied with the seven covered Blue Book standards.

We have issued a Letter of Comment dated May 27, 2022, that describes a finding that was not considered to sufficiently impact compliance with a covered Blue Book standard.

Parisa Salehi
Inspector General
Export-Import Bank of the United States

Enclosures
Scope and Methodology

The EXIM OIG Review Team conducted its review in accordance with the CIGIE Blue Book, dated January 2012. The Review Team assessed the extent to which FCC OIG’s internal policies and procedures addressed the seven Blue Book standards, and the two reports reviewed met the seven Blue Book standards.

The Review Team also assessed whether FCC OIG’s updated draft Audit Manual met the seven standards using the December 2020 version of the Blue Book.

The EXIM OIG Review Team selected two of three reports issued by FCC OIG between October 1, 2018 and September 30, 2021. Specifically, the following reports were selected for review:

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This review was performed remotely due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.