



Trending Audit Issues

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Procurement Trends

- The briefing will cover the following areas:
 - Recent Reports Issued by the Office of Inspector General Related to Procurement
 - The Results of Audits/Trends Observed Over the Past Few Years Related to Procurement



Recent Reports

In the past year, the Office of Inspector General has issued 97 audit and inspection reports. Of the 97 reports, 50 highlight issues that are associated with procurement in some way.



Results/Trends

- Based on the results of completed audit work, the following have been identified as reoccurring trends within the Department of Energy:
 - Projects Behind Schedule/Cost Growth
 - Inadequate Oversight of Contracts
 - Insufficient Project Progress
 - Inadequate Enforcement of Requirements/Insufficient Contract Language



Results/Trends

- Decentralized Approach to Acquisitions/Project Management
- Relaxed Oversight of Purchasing
- Inadequate Reconciliation Activities
- Misinterpretation of Guidance Resulting in Overstatement of Savings
- Lack of Independent Verification of Assessments/Work Performed



Positive Department Actions

- Modification and Improvement of the Department's Strategic Sourcing Initiative
 - Establishment of cost savings reporting guidance
 - Development of performance goals/objectives
- Development of Interim Guidance for Contracting Officers
- Leveraged Commodity Purchase Arrangements



Questions?



Additional Information

- For more information on the Department of Energy and Office of Inspector General, please visit the following websites:
 - <http://www.energy.gov>
 - <http://www.energy.gov/ig>