

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:
202133

Resolution:
☐ Yes ☒ No

TITLE:

Acceptance of OIG Report

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Audit report submitted to the Executive Committee for acceptance.

PURPOSE:

The Executive Committee's acceptance of OIG's report entitled:

- Audit of WMATA's Rail Performance Monitoring System

DESCRIPTION:

- Audit of WMATA's Rail Performance Monitoring System

Key Highlights:

Situation: WMATA had a serious breakdown or weakness in its internal controls over a contract to acquire information technology services. Specifically, WMATA did not have a copy of the contract and individual task orders to acquire information technology services were missing from the contract file. Despite these deficiencies, WMATA was still acquiring services. In addition, WMATA had not designated a contracting officer's technical representative to monitor the delivery of services.

Impact: Without the required contract documents and an assigned contracting officer's technical representative; WMATA may have difficulty monitoring contract execution and providing contract term enforcement. For example, because of the control weaknesses, WMATA had no assurances that goods and services valued over \$19.2 million were delivered in accordance with contract terms and provisions. Further, monitoring of future deliverables valued at \$273 million may be in question.

Management Solution: Management is developing a new solicitation for a contract to replace this current contract with a potential award date of April 2020. The new contract will provide a designated contracting officer's technical representative for coverage of the program areas.

Background and History:

When the Executive Committee determines there is no conflict remaining between the IG's findings and recommendations and management's response, it will accept the report as final, and the report and corrective action plan shall be deemed approved. Acceptance of the final report constitutes the Board's authorization to post the report on the WMATA website provided the Inspector General has conferred with the General Counsel and confirmed that any private or confidential information has been redacted in accordance with applicable law and WMATA policy.

Discussion:

The work highlighted in this report demonstrates OIG's commitment to promoting accountability, efficiency, and effectiveness in WMATA's programs and operations and keeping the Board of Directors fully and currently informed about deficiencies in WMATA's activities, as well as the necessity for and progress of corrective actions.

There were no conflicts between the IG's findings and recommendations listed in this report and management's response. The Inspector General has conferred with the General Counsel and confirmed that any private or confidential information has been removed/redacted in accordance with applicable law and WMATA policy.

FUNDING IMPACT:

There is no impact on funding.

TIMELINE:

Anticipated actions after presentation: Executive Committee's acceptance of report.

RECOMMENDATION:

Executive Committee accepts the report.