

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:
202065

Resolution:
☐ Yes ☒ No

TITLE:

Acceptance of one OIG Report

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Audit report submitted to the Executive Committee for acceptance.

PURPOSE:

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

- Review of Cybersecurity Requirements in WMATA's Procurements

DESCRIPTION:

Key Highlights:

- Review of Cybersecurity Requirements in WMATA's Procurements

Situation: At the time of the review, neither the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the 8000 series railcars nor the contract for 7000 series railcars contained specific cybersecurity requirements. As such, contractors are not obligated to address cybersecurity.

Impact: Consequently, WMATA may be vulnerable to (1) cyberattacks and data breaches resulting from compromised third-party systems and services, and (2) manipulation of rail software which could adversely impact the safe operation of Metro's rail system and potentially threaten national security. To WMATA's credit, the RFP for the 8000 series railcars was subsequently amended on February 6, 2019 to include cybersecurity requirements.

Management Solution: To implement the recommendations.

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 OIG's report.

RECOMMENDATION:

Executive Committee accepts OIG's report.