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July 29, 2016

VIA E-MAIL

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RE: FOIA Request No. DOC-OIG-2016-001373

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This letter is regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, tracking number DOC-OIG-2016-001373, received by the Department of Commerce, Office of Inspector General (OIG) on June 24, 2016, in which you seek a copy of “a listing or index ... of all closed investigations by [the OIG] during calendar years 2014 and 2015.”

A search of records maintained by the OIG has located fifteen (15) pages responsive to your request. We have reviewed these pages under the terms of FOIA and have determined that they may be released as follows:

- Fourteen (14) pages have been partially withheld under FOIA exemption (b)(6), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), which protects information in personnel, medical or similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, and under FOIA exemption (b)(7)(C), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C), which protects law enforcement information, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; and
- One (1) page has been partially withheld under FOIA exemption (b)(3)(A)(i), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3)(A)(i), which protects information that has been specifically exempted from disclosure by a statute that requires matters to be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, specifically the *qui tam* provisions of the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3730(b)(2), as well as FOIA exemptions (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C).

Copies of the fifteen pages are enclosed with the relevant withholdings noted.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2012 & Supp. III 2015). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of FOIA. This is a standard notification to all OIG requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You have the right to appeal this partial denial of your request. An appeal must be received within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of this response letter by the Counsel to the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Inspector General, Office of Counsel, Room 7898C, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230. Your appeal may also be sent by e-mail to FOIA@oig.doc.gov, by facsimile (fax) to 202-501-7335, or by FOIAonline, if you have an account in FOIAonline, at <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home#>.

The appeal should include a copy of the original request and this initial denial letter. In addition, the appeal should include a statement of the reasons why the records requested should be made available and why the adverse determination was in error. The appeal letter, the envelope, the e-mail subject line, and the fax cover sheet should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." The e-mail, fax machine, FOIAonline, and Office of Counsel mailbox are monitored only on working days during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday). FOIA appeals posted to the e-mail box, fax machine, FOIAonline, or the Office of Counsel mailbox after normal business hours will be deemed received on the next normal business day. If the 30th calendar day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal public holiday, an appeal received by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, the next business day will be deemed timely. An appeal received after the 30-day limit will not be considered.

If you have any questions, please contact me via email at FOIA@oig.doc.gov, or by phone at (202) 482-5992.

Sincerely,



Raman Santra
FOIA Officer

Enclosures

Status	Disposition	Date Closed	Case ID	Case Title	Operating Unit	Summary
Closed	I - Investigative Case	09/19/2014	11-0336-I	[REDACTED] (Aster Engineering)	ITA	Please find the attached for your review. I believe that I have proof there is fraudulent activities occurring with a contract for Aster Engineering Inc. and a [REDACTED] for that company. Complainant states Mod 5 to the contract states "zero dollar modification" which extends the period of performance out to September 2011 for the sole purpose of using up the remaining funds under that award.
Closed	I - Investigative Case	04/21/2015	11-0339-I	Trillion BTOP Communications	NTIA	[NTIA - BTOP GRANT FRAUD] On April [REDACTED] 2010 [REDACTED] contacted the FBI and was referred to DOC/OIG hotline by special agent [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Cooperation Economic International Inc, stated [REDACTED] contacted NTIA in October 2010 via email to report that Trillion BTOP Communications provided false information on their grant application and received of a \$59 million grant. Allegedly, Trillion has spent six million of the funding. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] has not received a response from NTIA. [REDACTED] stated t
Closed	I - Investigative Case	10/15/2014	11-0451-I	[REDACTED]	NOAA	On June [REDACTED] 2011, [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED] NGS, and [REDACTED]. They discovered a conflict of interest in that [REDACTED] has an undisclosed affiliation with [REDACTED] a company that NGS recently contracted with. [REDACTED] directly influenced the selection process and revealed source selection sensitive material that was not releasable publicly. [REDACTED] commented that the costs for this contract were nearly double what they had originally estimated before they discovered the affiliation. It is
Closed	I - Investigative Case	04/22/2015	11-0533-I	[REDACTED] Government Services Group	NTIA	BTOP. On August [REDACTED] 2011, [REDACTED] informed [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] (last name unknown)

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						<p>overheard a conversation between [REDACTED] and someone else. [REDACTED] heard [REDACTED] say, "Don't worry we have [REDACTED] will back us up." On August [REDACTED] Rapid Systems Inc. received a letter from [REDACTED] requesting [REDACTED] be removed from the project. [REDACTED] did not provide a reason for [REDACTED] removal in the letter. [REDACTED] alleges [REDACTED] wanted [REDACTED] removed because [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] and GSG for fraud, waste, and abuse of project funds.</p>
Closed	I - Investigative Case	07/09/2014	11-0534-I	University of South Florida	NOAA	<p>[NOAA - GRANT FRAUD] The Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) OIG conducted an internal audit agency wide on the use of state purchasing card. Several employees were arrested. Two employees [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] attempted to make an offer in return for lighter sentences. [REDACTED] told FWC/OIG investigator that a former Fish Wildlife Research Institute employee [REDACTED] knew of the alleged fraudulent activity. [REDACTED] was formally interviewed by FWC/OIG on 4/7/11. [REDACTED] knew of one instance involving grant funds</p>
Closed	I - Investigative Case	06/11/2015	12-0128-I	[REDACTED]	NOAA	<p>[NOAA - PURCHASE CARD FRAUD] Complainant alleged that a NOAA laboratory chief has committed grant fraud, abuse of authority, and time and attendance fraud. Complainant cited, among other things, the alleged purchase of electronics equipment with NOAA funds for personal use and misuse of official travel authorizations. Complainant also alleged that the subject has been arrested and jailed twice for assault.</p>
Closed	I - Investigative Case	12/15/2014	12-0232-I	[REDACTED]	MBDA	<p>[MBDA - GRANT FRAUD/FALSE STATEMENTS] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] NOAA Grants Management Div) received information from an anonymous former employee, alleging</p>

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						that individuals at [REDACTED] (MBEC contractor for MBDA) may be using grant funds to pay for personal expenses (i.e. mortgage and cell phone payments). The grant award [REDACTED] is to operate the MBDA Business Center in [REDACTED] Cross-reference 11-0555-H.)
Closed	I - Investigative Case	11/20/2014	12-0674-I	Virgin Islands Next Generation Network (WB BTOP)	NTIA	[REDACTED] alleged that the Virgin Islands Next Generation Network (viNGN), a BTOP grantee, is engaged in fraud, waste and abuse of funds. The complainant alleged that [REDACTED] viNGN, inappropriately provides viNGN resources to friends and other "connected" people, while abusing authority. No other details available. Forwarded to BTOP team for decision.
Closed	I - Investigative Case	07/31/2015	12-0911-I	NWS Reprogramming of Funds Inquiry	NOAA	An anonymous complainant alleged unauthorized reprogramming of funds continues at NWS, despite the ongoing administrative inquiries. The complainant suggested that OIG look into emails sent by [REDACTED] et al. for evidence about reprogramming violations. The complainant also alleged that [REDACTED] who was [REDACTED] NWS from [REDACTED] knew, and approved of the unauthorized reprogramm
Closed	I - Investigative Case	11/20/2014	12-0963-I	Cook Inlet Marine Mammal Council Fraud (NMFS)	NOAA	A confidential complainant, who works as a [REDACTED] for the Cook Inlet Marine Mammal Council (CIMMC), a NMFS grantee, alleged that [REDACTED] NMFS) has inappropriately given [REDACTED] access to CIMMC's funds, by adding [REDACTED] name to the CIMMC's bank account. In addition, the complainant

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						alleged that CIMMC is improperly operating without (1) a DUNS number, (2) a business license, (3) proper registration with the State of Alaska, and (4) proper financial records. The complainant also alleged that CIMMC paid
Closed	I - Investigative Case	09/22/2015	12-1096-I	Timewise Management Systems	NIST	[NIST - GRANT FRAUD/CONTRACT FRAUD] OIG recieved a complaint that Timewise Management Systems set up "strawman" entities that act as MEP Centers, controlled by Timewise, a for-profit entity. Complainant stated that Timewise has, without the knowledge of NIST, orchestrated multiple third party/related party transactions that have enabled them to invoice unnecessary, duplicative and overpriced services through the various MEP centers, ultimately ending up as costs either charged to the MEP award, or which were associated with improperly declared
Closed	I - Investigative Case	02/12/2015	12-1131-I	(b) (3) (A) (i) (b) (3) (A) (i) (qui tam; under seal)	NOAA	[NOAA - QUI TAM, FALSE CLAIMS] (b) (3) (A) (i)
Closed	I - Investigative Case	09/30/2015	12-1168-I	Whistleblower Reprisal - OneCommunity (BTOP)	NTIA	[NTIA - GRANT FRAUD/ ALLEGED WHISTLEBLOWER REPRISAL] [REDACTED] a private citizen alleges fraudulent activities at OneCommunity. [REDACTED] stated that while employed by OneCommunity the organization attempted several kinds of fraudulent transactions. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]

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						tried to stop some of the transactions but was [REDACTED] [Cross reference 11-0510-H]
Closed	I - Investigative Case	10/02/2015	12-1219-I	One Community (BTOP)	NTIA	[NTIA-GRANT FRAUD] [REDACTED] a private citizen alleges fraudulent activities at OneCommunity. [REDACTED] stated that while [REDACTED] by OneCommunity the organization attempted several kinds of fraudulent transactions. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] tried to stop some of the transactions but was [REDACTED] {Cross reference 11-0510-H and 12-1168-P.
Closed	I - Investigative Case	12/19/2014	12-1292-I	[REDACTED] (NMFS)	NOAA	[REDACTED] from the NMFS Information Services Division, provided information to OIG indicating that [REDACTED] NMFS; [REDACTED] Regional Office), sent inappropriate images to [REDACTED] also NOAA NMFS IT. NMFS IT Security conducted a search of [REDACTED] computer, and may have found pornographic images depicting children SA [REDACTED] directed [REDACTED] to seize the suspected computers assigned to both [REDACTED] and send them to HCHB for forensic analysis.
Closed	I - Investigative Case	03/03/2015	13-0007-I	[REDACTED] (BTOP; WB Reprisal)	NTIA	Through private counsel, a former employee of a contractor employed by a BTOP grantee alleged that [REDACTED] was terminated for refusing to sign a false claim for reimbursement. The complainant was employed by [REDACTED] a (contractor?) to ENMR Telephone Cooperative, a BTOP grantee which received two awards (NT10BIX5570132 and NT10BIX5570027) for over \$27 million. The complainant alleged that [REDACTED] was instructed to sign an invoice for work that had not yet started, using a Davis-Bacon Act Labor Standards Review Form.
Closed		12/01/2014	13-0363-I		EDA	

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	I - Investigative Case			South Jersey Economic Development District, Inc. (SJEDD)		[EDA - GRANT FRAUD] OAE provided ASAC [REDACTED] with a copy of the A-133 single audit related to the EDA's South Jersey Economic Development District (SJEDD). The CPA firm questioned whether costs claimed by SJEDD were free from material misstatements. The report noted how the SJEDD appeared to submit invoices to multiple grant agencies for the same expenses and obtained reimbursements on expenditures exceeding actual costs incurred. The SJEDD also failed to pay vendors after receiving reimbursements. The [REDACTED]
Closed	I - Investigative Case	04/16/2015	13-0400-I	Aerospace Contract Mismanaged (NOAA)	NOAA	NASA-OIG forwarded information that The Aerospace Corporation may have improperly charged labor hours for seven employees (valued at \$69,000) to Task Order #26, under NASA Contract #NNG11VH00B, despite that these employees were not supporting TO26. TO26 supports the Joint Polar Satellite System and is funded by NOAA (\$663,666/ one year performance period).
Closed	I - Investigative Case	09/23/2015	13-0428-I	viNGN (BTOP)	NTIA	[NTIA - GRANT FRAUD] DOC-OIG has received numerous complaints re: the Virgin Islands (VI) Public Finance Authority's (PFA) management of four National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) grants totaling \$67,454,924 for broadband work on the VI Next Generation Network (viNGN). The four grants include: 1) State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program, awarded January 4, 2010 (\$3,009,506), 2) Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Program, awarded August 17, 2010 (\$58,888,469), 3) Sustainable Broadband Adoption Program, a
Closed	I - Investigative Case	03/01/2015	13-0519-I		NOAA	An anonymous complainant reported NOAA [REDACTED] hired [REDACTED]

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				Unfair Hiring Practices and Mismanagement (NOAA)		<p>shortly before [REDACTED] retired, and [REDACTED] hired [REDACTED] as a contractor to the NOAA. The complainant alleges that:</p> <p>(1) Before [REDACTED] retired, [REDACTED] hired [REDACTED] as a [REDACTED] leading NOAA's [REDACTED] program.</p> <p>(2) Shortly after [REDACTED] retired, [REDACTED] hired [REDACTED] as a contractor. (3) [REDACTED] has allowed contractors to make commitments on behalf of the US government.</p>
Closed	I - Investigative Case	09/18/2015	13-0528-I	Complete Building Corporation (NOAA)	NOAA	<p>[NOAA - CONTRACT FRAUD/FALSE CLAIMS] Complete Building Corporation, Complete Building Corporation (WC1330-05-CQ-1075) a NOAA contractor, made misrepresentation to NOAA's Contracting Office regarding the status and quality of its performance of the construction of the Gulf of Mexico Disaster Recovery Center in Mobile, Alabama and of inaccurately certifying payment to subcontractor and laborers on its invoices for payment. NOAA CRAD administers the CBC contract for NOAA.</p>
Closed	I - Investigative Case	09/18/2015	13-0530-I	SEI Group, Inc. (NOAA)	NOAA	<p>[NOAA - FALSE CLAIMS/BUY AMERICA ACT VIOLATION] SEI Group, Inc. SEI Group, Inc. (WC1330-06-CQ-0042) has performed various design-build construction projects for NOAA such as the Hollings Marine Laboratory H-wing Expansion and is currently under task order with NIST to design and construct a Liquid Helium Recovery System on its Gaithersburg campus. NOAA's Contract Law Division (CLD) suspects SEI of unethical business practices. NOAA CRAD administers the SEI contract for NOAA. In 2005 and 2006, NOAA awarded four indefinite delivery/indefinite</p>
Closed	I - Investigative Case	08/18/2015	13-0550-I	CEN EMPLOYEES EMAIL LOGIN AND	CENSUS	<p>[CEN - FRAUD/THEFT] Special Agent [REDACTED] of EPA OIG reported they are investigating a group of Nigerians who</p>

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				PASSWORDS COMPROMISED		scammed approximately 150 EPA employees into disclosing their email login and passwords. The scammers opened GSA Advantage accounts using the emails and purchased approximately \$450,000 toner cartridges. The toner was sent to an address, repackaged and sent to Nigeria. SA [REDACTED] seized and searched one of the scammer's computers and identified a number of Census employees' email logon and passwords. SA [REDACTED] suspects these account
Closed	I - Investigative Case	03/01/2015	13-0591-I	North Florida Broadband Authority Contract Fraud (NTIA/BTOP)	NTIA	A confidential complainant reported contract-grant fraud at the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA). The complainant alleges: (1) [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] committed grant fraud by misappropriating government funds. (2) [REDACTED] was a victim of retaliation, and endured a hostile work environment after [REDACTED] suspicious activity. Detailed complaint interview attached.
Closed	I - Investigative Case	09/26/2014	13-0623-I	Texas Engineering Extension Service (EDA)	EDA	[EDA - GRANT FRAUD/CONFLICT OF INTEREST] An EDA employee reported Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) received a grant for approximately \$500K to conduct four regional conferences and one state conference with a theme of renewable energy and economic development. Complainant alleged: (1) TEEX stated they were done after the third of four required events and submitted a final bill. Payment was eventually made by EDA despite the award terms not being met. (2) Garza the Regional Director is longtime friends with Gary Sera, TEEX Executive
Closed	I - Investigative Case	03/01/2015	13-0711-I	Kronos Inc. (DOC)	OS	[OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY - CONTRACT FRAUD] A confidential complainant alleged that Kronos Inc., a

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						subcontractor for Immix Technology, Inc., attempted to invoice the DOC for use of intellectual property that has already paid for and owned by the Department.
Closed	I - Investigative Case	01/07/2015	13-0726-I	Cohn, Debbie (AD 0/0 USPTO)	USPTO	An anonymous complainant alleged: (1) Debbie Cohn, Commissioner of Trademarks forced USPTO to hire her [REDACTED] Cohn intervened to obtain a series of interviews, and eventually a position, for [REDACTED] when [REDACTED] did not pass original screening or rate high enough to move on.
Closed	I - Investigative Case	08/20/2014	13-0753-I	[REDACTED] (USPTO)	USPTO	[USPTO - CONFLICT OF INTEREST] Information was forwarded from USPTO alleging a patent examiner is representing trademark clients before the USPTO.
Closed	I - Investigative Case	09/29/2014	13-0767-I	NMFS [REDACTED] Observer Program Whistleblower Reprisal (NOAA)	NOAA	On May [REDACTED] 2013, [REDACTED] a former NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Observer Program [REDACTED] fisheries observer and IAP Worldwide Services, Inc. (IAP) employee, alleged that on [REDACTED] 2013, IAP terminated [REDACTED] employment because [REDACTED] participated in a 2012 NOAA-led inquiry into [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. This 2012 inquiry was initiated following a separate complaint received by OIG and referred to NOAA for administrative resolution in December 2011.
Closed	I - Investigative Case	10/15/2015	13-0770-I	Manufacturing Extension Program (NIST)	NIST	[NIST - GRANT FRAUD] A confidential complainant made the following allegations about the NIST Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program (MEP) : (1) Minimally Acceptable Impact Metrics (MAIM) are the same for all centers, which leads to fraud to meet the MAIM, and MEP leadership are aware of that. (2) The majority of MAIM comes from large industry players, while the purpose of

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						MEP is to provide services to small manufacturers. (3) 60% of the MEP budget is consumed in Gaithersburg, MD and is used for lavish conventions and higher price
Closed	I - Investigative Case	08/25/2014	13-0792-I	(NOAA/NESDIS)	NOAA	An anonymous complainant alleged: (1) [REDACTED] unnecessarily accompanied [REDACTED] (NOAA employee) on ground station inspections in [REDACTED] between [REDACTED] 13- [REDACTED] 13. (2) [REDACTED] changed her hotel in [REDACTED] to a 4-star resort while [REDACTED] did not. NOAA approved the \$364 upgrade for [REDACTED] and paid the cancellation fee (\$199) for the other hotel.
Closed	I - Investigative Case	03/04/2015	13-0914-I	(NOAA/NFSC)	NOAA	[NOAA - THEFT OF GOV'T PROPERTY] A NOAA employee alleged: (1) During the week of [REDACTED] 2013, [REDACTED] (NOAA/NFSC, [REDACTED]) stole material from the work site and had it recycled under a NOAA account at [REDACTED] [X-reference: 12-0141-H, merged with 12-1173-I]
Closed	I - Investigative Case	11/20/2014	13-0963-I	Fraudulent Receipt of Disaster Relief Appropriations (NOAA)	NOAA	[NOAA - GRANT FRAUD] An confidential complainant alleged: (1) The Natl Estuarine Research Reserve System state/NOAA partnership facility in Massachusetts reported fraudulent claims in order to receive funding from the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act. The [REDACTED] applied for, and received funds to replace working equipment by stating that it was damaged during Hurricane Sandy. [GAO Fraudnet #60574]
Closed	I - Investigative Case	08/25/2014	13-1002-I	(NOAA)	NOAA	A confidential complainant reported that on May [REDACTED] 2013, [REDACTED] of R/V [REDACTED] NOAA, announced to the complainant and [REDACTED] colleagues that someone had lodged a

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						(separate) complaint against [REDACTED] with OIG. Referring to this earlier complaint/ complainant, [REDACTED] said, "to all snitches, fuck you," and "to all you people who can't stay out of other peoples' business, fuck you." The current confidential complainant said could not report [REDACTED]'s outburst to Command because [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were close to [REDACTED] and ha
Closed	I - Investigative Case	07/09/2014	13-1007-I	Newport Sensors, Inc. (NIST)	NIST	(NIST - GRANT FRAUD) SA [REDACTED] forwarded information from NSF OIG: (1) Newport Sensors, Inc. may have received duplicate funding from the DOC/NIST and Dept. of Transportation (DOT) for projects: Microwave Thermoelectric Imager for Corrosion Detection and Monitoring in Reinforced Concrete & Microwave Imaging Technology for Condition Assessment of FRP Composites.
Closed	I - Investigative Case	03/09/2015	13-1034-I	[REDACTED] (BIS)	BIS	The OIG received information from BIS alleging: (1) BIS SA [REDACTED] was involved in an accident with a GOV, with a shotgun in the vehicle. The shotgun was not a BIS issued weapon. [REDACTED] former employer, [REDACTED] OIG, noted [REDACTED] may have acquired the shotgun under the guise of [REDACTED] duties as firearms instructor though [REDACTED] OIG did not authorize that acquisition.
Closed	I - Investigative Case	08/21/2014	13-1062-I	[REDACTED] (BIS)	BIS	[BIS/OEE - FIREARMS CRIMES/T&A ABUSE/VEHICLE ABUSE/MISCONDUCT] An anonymous complainant reported employee misconduct. (1) [REDACTED] (BIS/ purchased a handgun under the exceptions granted to police and law enforcement officers. [REDACTED] does not meet the definition of a police officer or federal law enforcement officer. (2) He was aided in this activity by [REDACTED] who were present during the purchase and knew the purchase was based on fraudulent

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						information and allowed it to take place. (3) [REDACTED] used government persone
Closed	I - Investigative Case	03/01/2015	13-1072-I	Wrongful termination from IAP Worldwide Services (NMFS)	NOAA	A former [REDACTED] Observer Program ([REDACTED]) fisheries observer alleged that [REDACTED] employer, IAP Worldwide Services (IAP), a NOAA contractor, fired [REDACTED] for participating in a NOAA-led inquiry into fisheries observer programs operating out of NMFS? Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC). Complainant said [REDACTED] anonymously answered questions related to [REDACTED] experience as a fisheries observer, but [REDACTED] answers could easily be attributed to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was told [REDACTED] was fired for providing unusable data for two assignments and for [REDACTED] ? un
Closed	I - Investigative Case	04/16/2015	13-1077-I	Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB)	USPTO	A DOC/OIG employee forwarded a job start for Patent Trial Appeals Board Human Resources Management identifying edits to the scope/methodology, OAE staff and estimated dates & resource requirements for the project. The job start relates to a review (validation and investigation) of PTAB's use of non-production time for its staff (paralegals) over a five to six year period.
Closed	I - Investigative Case	07/30/2015	13-1084-I	[REDACTED]	OS	An anonymous complainant alleged: (1) [REDACTED] is misusing [REDACTED] position and circumvented the competitive bid process. [REDACTED] steered contract for [REDACTED] in 2010 to [REDACTED] who won the award solely based on résumés of key personnel. [REDACTED] has ties to the company which may be family related. (2) Project managers (key personnel) for the [REDACTED] contract were switched without the informing the Office of Acquisitions of

ALL WITHHOLDINGS (B)(6) & (B)(7)(C) UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

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Closed	I - Investigative Case	03/18/2015	13-1105-I	EDLAB (NTIA/BTOP)	NTIA	(NTIA/BTOP - GRANT FRAUD) Generation of a new case number for P looking into obtaining NSF documents to ascertain if Edlab charged overlapping time to both NSF and NTIA. [X-reference: 13-0168-H]
Closed	I - Investigative Case	10/31/2014	13-1157-I	Breach of Settlement (OS/OHRM)	CENSUS	A former Census employee alleged: (1) [REDACTED] personnel file was not changed to reflect the settlement agreement in which [REDACTED] personnel file would state that [REDACTED] resigned as opposed to stating termination. (2) [REDACTED] (OHRM) generated a document stating that [REDACTED] resigned, but back dated the document to 2009 so it would appear that there was no breach of settlement. The complainant stated that the discrepancy was discovered when DOJ reviewed [REDACTED] personnel files. DOJ was unaware that the complainant was terminated from the Census Bureau
Closed	I - Investigative Case	10/31/2014	13-1170-I	[REDACTED] University of New Hampshire (NOAA)	NOAA	[NOAA - GRANT FRAUD] private citizen alleged: Conflicts of interest, inaccurate statements, mismanagement, and non-compliance with federal regulations by administrators at the University of New Hampshire, Durham (UNH) and by [REDACTED] UNH Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping Joint Hydrographic Center (CCOM/JHC). The complainant stated the Center is funded by grants from the NOAA, the National Science Foundation (NSF), and the Office of Naval Research (ONR) and since the creation of CCOM/JHC in 2000; UNH h
Closed	I - Investigative Case	12/15/2014	13-1248-I	[REDACTED] (OS/SES)	OS	[DOC/SEC - EMPLOYEE MISCONDUCT] SA [REDACTED] (State Dept.) requested help interviewing [REDACTED] (SES), a former [REDACTED] employee. [REDACTED] is a subject of their investigation. The case involves the review of computer programming errors associated with a VISA Lottery

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						performed by the State Department along with contracting/procurement irregularities associated with that program where [REDACTED] was the [REDACTED] the project(s) and also received a number of email messages associated with it.
Closed	I - Investigative Case	05/08/2015	13-1273-I	[REDACTED] (NOAA/OAR)	NOAA	[NOAA/OAR - T&A ABUSE/OSY] Confidential complainant alleges: (1) In [REDACTED] of 2013, [REDACTED] left for China to interview for a job and has not returned. (2) [REDACTED] lied about [REDACTED] whereabouts to [REDACTED] by stating [REDACTED] has reported to the facility daily. On September [REDACTED] 2013, [REDACTED] admitted to the complainant that [REDACTED] was protecting [REDACTED] position because [REDACTED] expected [REDACTED] to return. [REDACTED] while in China has continued to work and complete projects
Closed	I - Investigative Case	01/07/2015	14-0068-I	[REDACTED] (PTO)	USPTO	[USPTO - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE] A former USPTO [REDACTED] employee was the subject of a litigation hold in an EEOC case and as such, was required to preserve [REDACTED] documents from destruction. Before leaving USPTO recently, it is believed [REDACTED] deleted all of his files and installed an outside software program called "R-Wipe and Clean" which deletes records of online and off-line activities.
Closed	I - Investigative Case	08/04/2014	14-0072-I	[REDACTED] (NOAA/NMFS)	NOAA	[NOAA/NMFS - SUSPENSION & DEBARMENT] A NOAA employee reported the theft of five brand new iPads (valued at \$3100) from an office at the NMFS [REDACTED] Regional Office. A [REDACTED] employee, [REDACTED] was identified as a suspect. FBI investigated, resulting in indictment for theft. This case is being opened to facilitate an S&D action based on the conviction. [x ref: 13-0567-N]

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Closed	I - Investigative Case	09/29/2014	14-0073-I	[REDACTED] (CEN)	CENSUS	[CENSUS- FALSIFYING SURVEY DATA & ENBEZZLEMENT OF GOV'T FUNDS] The reporting party, a U.S. Census employee, advised personnel at the [REDACTED] Regional Office (R.O.) were contracted by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to conduct surveys under the American Homeing Survey program. The HUD surveys were to be completed in August of 2013. Approximately one week prior to the date of required completion, the survey was 20% incomplete. The employee [REDACTED] to this survey, [REDACTED] was removed from the tasking. A new
Closed	I - Investigative Case	01/07/2015	14-0113-I	[REDACTED] (ITA)	ITA	[ITA - CONFLICT OF INTEREST/CONTRACT FRAUD] An anonymous complainant alleged: (1) [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (last name unknown) made contracts to benefit themselves and their friends. Specifically, a contracting officer was hired by the company [REDACTED] did millions of dollars in contracts with the same week she signed those contracts.
Closed	I - Investigative Case	09/29/2014	14-0125-I	[REDACTED] (BIS)	BIS	An anonymous complainant reported: (1) [REDACTED] is engaging in political activity during work hours by using [REDACTED] BIS email address to reply and send messages (and other government resources) for [REDACTED] private political group [REDACTED]