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**Report on the Quality Assessment Review (QAR)
of the
Investigative Operations of the
Corporation for Public Broadcasting
Office of Inspector General**

Conducted in Washington, DC
by
*The Architect of the Capitol
Office of Inspector General
Investigations Division*

April 2024

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Report on the External Qualitative Assessment Review

May 9, 2024

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Subject: *Report on the Qualitative Assessment Review of the Investigative Operations of the Office of Inspector General for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting*

Dear IG Howell:

We have reviewed the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative operations of the Office of Inspector General for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB OIG) in effect for the period ended December 31, 2023. Our review was conducted in conformity with the Quality Standards for Investigations and the Qualitative Assessment Review Guidelines established by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE).

We reviewed compliance with the CPB OIG system of internal policies and procedures to the extent we considered appropriate. The onsite review was conducted on April 16, 2024, at the headquarters office in Washington, DC. Additionally, we reviewed one closed case file, the lone investigation closed during the review period.

We performed our review in the context of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, 5 USC Chapter 4, particularly Section 415, which authorized the creation of an Office of Inspector General for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. However, we also gave consideration to the fact that CPB OIG has no statutory law enforcement authority and no sworn personnel. As such, the *Attorney General Guidelines for Offices of Inspector General with Statutory Law Enforcement Authority*, which is the basis for most QAR points of inspection, was not applicable.

In our opinion, the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative function of the CPB OIG in effect between January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2023, is in compliance with the applicable quality standards established by the CIGIE and the other applicable guidelines and statutes cited above. These safeguards and procedures provide reasonable assurance of conforming with professional standards in the planning, execution and reporting of its investigations.

Sincerely,



Christopher P. Failla, CIG, CFE
Inspector General

Attachment A: Location and Inspection Summary of Visited Offices and Personnel

Location:

Corporation for Public Broadcasting Headquarters
401 Ninth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20004

Review Summary:

Number of Closed Cases Reviewed	1
Number of Personnel Interviewed	1
Number of Policies Reviewed	3
Number of SAR Reports Reviewed	4
Major Program Areas Assessed:	Policy/Procedures Evidence/Grand Jury Firearms (N/A) Law Enforcement Equipment (N/A) Management Responsibilities & Other Areas Personnel Files Staff Policy Compliance Technical Equipment (N/A) Training

**Attachment B: List of Closed Investigative Files Reviewed
(Closed during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2023)**

Case File Number	Case Closing Date
20-1	11/14/2022

Attachment C: Inspector General Response



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May 6, 2024

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Dear Inspector General Faila:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Report on the External Qualitative Assessment Review of the Office of the Inspector General for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. We are pleased that your review concluded the system of internal safeguards and management function of our office is in compliance with applicable quality standards established by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency.

We would like to thank you and your team for the thorough and professional review.

Sincerely,

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