



## External Peer Review Report

April 7, 2025

To Kimberly Howell, Inspector General  
Corporation for Public Broadcasting

We reviewed the system of quality control for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) Office of Inspector General (OIG) in effect for the year ended September 30, 2024. A system of quality control includes multiple aspects of an organization, including, but not limited to, policies and procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance of complying with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency's (CIGIE's) *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation*, December 2020 (Blue Book).

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the CPB OIG in effect for the year ended September 30, 2024, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the Library of Congress (LOC) OIG with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with the Blue Book.

Inspection and Evaluation (I&E) organizations can receive a rating of pass, pass with deficiencies, or fail. The CPB OIG has received an External Peer Review rating of pass.

### Letter of Comment

We have issued a letter dated April 7, 2025, that sets forth findings that were not considered to be of sufficient significance to affect our opinion expressed in this report.

### Basis of Opinion

This required external peer review was conducted in accordance with CIGIE's *Guide for Conducting External Peer Reviews of Inspection and Evaluation Organizations of Federal Offices of Inspector General* (July 2023) and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Offices of the Inspectors General of the CPB OIG and the LOC OIG, entered into on September 27, 2024.

During our review, we interviewed CPB OIG personnel and obtained an understanding of the nature of the CPB OIG's I&E function and the design of the CPB OIG's system of quality control sufficient to assess the risks implicit in its I&E function. Based on our assessments, we selected I&E reports and administrative files to test for conformity with Blue Book standards and compliance with the CPB OIG's system of quality control.

In performing our review, we obtained an understanding of the system of quality control for the CPB OIG's I&E function. In addition, we tested compliance with the CPB OIG's quality control policies and procedures to the extent we considered appropriate. These tests covered the application of the CPB OIG's policies and procedures on selected I&E reports. Our review was based on selected tests;

therefore, it would not necessarily detect all weaknesses in the system of quality control or all instances of noncompliance with it.

Prior to concluding the peer review, we reassessed the adequacy of the scope of the peer review procedures and met with CPB OIG management to discuss the results of our review. We believe that the procedures we performed provide a reasonable basis for our opinion. Enclosure 1 to this report identifies the CPB OIG's I&E reports we reviewed.

The CPB OIG's management officials provided a response to our Peer Review Report (Enclosure 2) in which they agreed with our overall rating.

**Responsibilities and Limitations**

The CPB OIG is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of quality control designed to provide CPB OIG with reasonable assurance that the organization and its personnel comply in all material respects with Blue Book standards. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the CPB OIG's compliance based on our review.

There are inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any system of quality control; therefore, noncompliance with the system of quality control may occur and may not be detected. Projection of any evaluation of a system of quality control to future periods is subject to the risk that the system of quality control may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or because the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Sincerely,

Kimberly F. Benoit  
Inspector General

Enclosures

## **ENCLOSURE 1: Scope and Methodology**

We reviewed compliance with the CPB's OIG inspection organization's system of quality control in effect for the year ended September 30, 2024, to the extent we considered appropriate. We selected the following five reports for review. During the peer review period from October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2024, CPB OIG completed 28 evaluations. We selected the last five reports that included findings.

### **Reviewed I&E Engagements Performed by CPB OIG**

1. ECR 2301-2316: Evaluation of KDNA-FM, Northwest Communities' Education Center, Compliance with Selected Communications Act and General Provisions Adversity and Transparency Requirement. Issued September 28, 2023.
2. ECR 2410-2410: Evaluation of KMOJ-FM, the Center of Communications and Development, Compliance with Selected Communications Act and General Provisions Transparency Requirements. Issued June 13, 2024.
3. ECR 2403-2413 Evaluation of KABU-FM, Dakota Healing Journey, Inc., Compliance with Selected Communications Act and General Provisions Transparency Requirements. Issued July 16, 2024.
4. ECR2413-2414: Evaluation of KEYA-FM, Compliance with Selected Communications Act and General Provisions Transparency Requirements. Issued August 30, 2024.
5. ECR2415-2416: Evaluation of KIOS-FM, Douglas County School District 0001, Compliance with Selected Communications Act and General Provisions Transparency Requirements. Issued September 25, 2024.

For the reports we reviewed, we interviewed CPB OIG's evaluation staff, analyzed documents CPB OIG provided, reviewed internal policies and procedures, and accessed CPB OIG's internal project management system (TeamMate) to assess their evaluation documentation. We did not conduct any onsite visits.

## ENCLOSURE 2: Reviewed Organization's Comments to Draft Peer Review Report



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Office of the Inspector General

March 20, 2025

Kimberly Benoit  
Inspector General  
Library of Congress

Dear Inspector General Benoit,

We have reviewed the draft peer review report dated March 20, 2025, and agree with your overall rating of Pass. Further, we agree with your conclusion that our system of quality control in effect for the year ending September 30, 2024, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the Library of Congress (LOC) OIG with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with the Council of the Inspectors General Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation (Blue Book) standards. We also reviewed your letter of comment and will provide a separate response.

I would like to thank you and the peer review team for the cooperation and professionalism in conducting the peer review. We appreciate the opportunity to improve our internal processes.

Sincerely,

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Inspector General

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