Inspector General

2026-0001-INVI-P — Alleged Personal Use of a Government Contractor

The Architect of the Capitol (AOC) Office of Inspector General (OIG) investigated allegations that a senior manager (GS-15) utilized AOC contract personnel to draft responses to the Executive Core Qualifications associated with a vacancy for a Senior Rated position at the AOC. Additionally, the complainant alleged contract violations including improper taskings outside the contract's Statement of Work, exclusion of the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR), and retaliation for reporting their concerns to the OIG and AOC leadership.

The OIG's investigation identified testimonial and documentary evidence (including e-mails, Microsoft Teams chats, and shared Microsoft Word documents) that substantiated the allegations of ethics and AOC Contract Manual violations. Additionally, investigative research confirmed the senior manager had never served as the contract COR, nor had they completed the requisite training courses required to be a COR at AOC.

The OIG's investigation found by a preponderance of the evidence that the senior manager improperly used Government contractor services for personal, non-Government purposes and violated the AOC Standards of Conduct and Government Ethics policies and the AOC Contract Manual. The investigation did not identify evidence of retaliation by the senior manager.

Final Management Action:

The OIG's Report of Investigation was submitted to AOC management for any action deemed appropriate. The case is closed pending management action.