

PBGC OIG welcomes stakeholders to contribute information for consideration when we conduct program audits, reviews, and inspections. Performance (program) audits, reviews, and inspections provide findings or conclusions based on an evaluation of sufficient, appropriate evidence against criteria. Our work provides objective analysis to assist management, policy makers and other interested parties to improve program performance and operations, reduce costs, facilitate decision making by parties with responsibility to oversee or initiate corrective action, and contribute to public accountability. If requested, your identity can be protected in accordance with the Inspector General Act.



The PBGC OIG is currently conducting an audit of **procurement activities** following the guilty plea of the former PBGC Procurement Director on a bribery charge related to contract steering. The objectives of our audit are to determine how procurement practices allowed contract steering and whether other awards have indications of contract steering. We are accepting input on this audit through **June 20, 2020**.

Procurement Integrity

Government personnel are prohibited from certain actions, including engaging in conduct that favors one offeror over another or disclosing source selection information.

PBGC Procurement

The Procurement Department (PD) is within PBGC's Office of Management and Administration (OMA), and is responsible for the acquisition of all goods and services used by the PBGC to accomplish its mission. In FY 2019, PBGC awarded approximately \$340 million in contracts for goods and services.

Seeking Your Input

We are seeking input from stakeholders regarding PBGC's procurement activities. Examples of the type of information that are useful:

- Are you aware of any contract steering or attempted contract steering? Please be as specific as possible when describing the circumstances that occurred and providing us the contract ID number, solicitation number, or vendor name, if possible.

- What internal control weaknesses may have allowed contract steering to take place?
- How would you describe management oversight to ensure that procurement is fair?
- How could PBGC improve its procurement processes to prevent contract steering?

How to Comment

We welcome your comments related to this inspection. An OIG team member will review your contribution, but we are unable to automatically reply to all individual submissions. **You may request confidentiality, and your identity will be protected in accordance with the Inspector General Act.** If you provide your contact details, you may be contacted. If you have information related to other areas within PBGC, that are unrelated to this inspection, please visit the [Contact Us page](#) for information on how to file formal complaints.

Information may be submitted via e-mail to OIGFeedback@pbgc.gov.