

Summary: Investigation of BLM Wild Horse and Burro Specialist

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OIG investigated allegations that a former Bureau of Land Management (BLM) National Wild Horse and Burro Program specialist entered several questionable requests for contractor payment in the Financial and Business Management System (FBMS). These entries either constituted a double payment request for one invoice or were not related to any invoice at all.

BLM has a three-part verification system for approving and issuing payments to contractors. A vendor first submits an invoice to BLM. Then, a Contracting Officer's Representative creates a document verifying the invoice and requesting payment for the contractor. Finally, a third BLM representative finalizes payment to the contractor.

We found that BLM had not issued payment for any of the questionable payment requests entered in FBMS by the BLM employee, who retired prior to the initiation of our investigation. A review of the retired employee's work led BLM staff to question the FBMS entries. We determined that there was no financial loss to the Government or financial gain to the employee.

We forwarded our report to BLM for information only.

This is a summary of an investigative report that was issued internally to the U.S. Department of the Interior. This summary was posted to the web on January 27, 2016.

