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To: Council of the District of Columbia
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Subject: Activity Report – May 2014

This report provides information on the activities of the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor (ODCA) for May 2014. The report includes audits issued, announcements, the status of current audit projects, and a summary of planned Fiscal Year 2014 audits.

[Audit Reports:](#)

[District of Columbia Agencies Compliance with Fiscal Year 2014 Small Business Enterprise Expenditures Goals Through the First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2014](#)

Released: May 14, 2014

Summary: ODCA examined and assessed District of Columbia government agencies' compliance with Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Small Business Enterprise (SBE) expenditure goals through the 1st quarter of FY 2014 (October 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013). Our examination found that 82 agencies collectively spent \$15,898,854 with SBEs through the 1st quarter of FY 2014 or two percent of the cumulative reported SBE goal of \$778,692,040.

[Assessment of Reductions in Federally or Locally Funded Temporary Assistance to Needy Families \(TANF\) Benefits on Families or their Children](#)

Released: May 28, 2014

Summary: Pursuant to Section 455 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, as amended, Public Law 93-198, D.C. Code, Section 1-204.55 and the "Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Support Act of 2013," the District of Columbia Auditor conducted an examination of information provided by the Department of Human Services (DHS) to determine the impact of reductions in federally or locally funded Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) on families and their children.

Based on information provided by DHS, there were 6,296 households subject to the second Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) benefit reduction that went into effect on October 1, 2013. Within these households, 13,529 children were affected by the second TANF benefit reduction. In addition to managing the TANF program, DHS also oversees the TANF Employment Program (TEP). In FY 2014, DHS also contracted with five job placement vendors and six work readiness vendors. From our sample of 100 households subject to the second

benefit reduction, we found that children’s after-school performance was the most impacted by the reduction. Respondents also provided additional insights and recommendations about the benefit reductions, which may assist with the Committee’s oversight efforts.

Announcements:

On January 15, 2014, ODCA received a letter from Chairman Mendelson and Councilmember Bowser offices requesting that we undertake an audit of the New Communities Initiative.

During initial interviews with staff at the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED), we learned that DMPED contracted with Quadel Consulting, in January 2014, to provide “Affordable Housing and Real Estate Policy Advisor Services” in support of the New Communities Initiative. DMPED indicated that the work associated with the contract had largely been completed and the report was in draft form. DMPED estimates that the final report will be issued by June 30, 2014.

Our review of the draft report indicates that questions answered in the report are very similar to the ones that ODCA was asked to address as part of our audit. Therefore, we believe that any audit work done by us at this point would largely duplicate the efforts already paid for and completed by DMPED’s contractor and would not be a prudent use of limited ODCA resources.

As a result, we plan to suspend the audit of the New Communities Initiative at this time. We will request that DMPED provide both our offices with a copy of the final report. Upon review of the report, should we feel additional areas warrant further review, we will resume the audit.

Current Audits:

	Audit Agency	Purpose	Status
1	Office of the People’s Counsel (OPC)	To verify revenue deposits to, and disbursements from, OPC Fund for FYs 2009 through 2012; to determine whether expense vouchers were reviewed and appropriately approved before payment; and to determine the amount of refunds to public utilities that were processed against the Fund	Final Issued 12/06/13
2	D.C. Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation (CYITC)	To determine whether CYITC complied with applicable rules, regulations and laws pertaining to the grant making process; established and implemented adequate internal controls; and properly used District funds	Final Issued 2/12/14
3	Department of General Services (DGS)	To determine whether revenue was properly collected and deposited to the Eastern Market bank account and recorded in System of Accounting and Reporting to determine whether disbursements made from the Eastern Market bank account were related to Eastern Market activities	Reporting

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4	Metropolitan Police Department (MPD)	To ensure MPD complied with rules, regulations and laws pertaining to MPD investigations concerning first amendment activities during FY 2012 and to determine whether MPD implemented 13 recommendations of the Office of the D.C. Auditor (ODCA) contained in the ODCA audit report to MPD issued in September 2012	Final Issued 3/19/14
5	Department of General Services (DGS)	To determine whether DGS complied with D.C. Code § 2-218.46 pertaining to contracting services under the District of Columbia Public Schools Modernization Program	Fieldwork
6	Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners (ANC)	To determine whether ANC Commissioners administered and operated ANC financial accounts in accordance with applicable District laws and regulations	Reporting/ Fieldwork
7	District Department of Transportation (DDOT)	To determine whether DDOT considered contractor capacity during the bid process; to review DDOT's process for ensuring contractual compliance prior to scheduled payments; and to analyze how DDOT ensures road projects are as durable as is required by the contract	Reporting
8	University of the District of Columbia (UDC)	To determine whether UDC Land-Grant Endowment Fund accounts were in compliance with relevant laws, rules and regulations; UDC endowment accounts and funds were managed in accordance with UDC policies and procedures; and expenditures from UDC endowment accounts and funds were in compliance with applicable rules and regulations	Reporting
9	Homeland Security Emergency Management (HSEMA)	To examine the criteria used to determine costs associated with special events; to determine whether the criteria are equitably applied; and to review costs charged for special events	Reporting
10	Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF)	To verify whether less than 90 percent of the Nursing Facility Quality of Care Fund was expended on "Quality of Care Initiatives." Additionally, review income and expenses of the Fund to determine compliance with rules, regulations and laws	Fieldwork
11	Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA)	To examine the program's cost and effectiveness	Terminated

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12	Department of General Services (DGS)	To evaluate the use of the DCPS Capital Improvement Fund to include a school and project specific audit of all expenditures for school facility capital improvements, maintenance, repairs, and operating costs and to determine whether the District met the process, quality, schedule, and cost objectives of the Facilities Master Plan and Capital Improvement Plan and Budget for FY 2010 through 2012	Fieldwork
13	Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	To determine whether DMV met the performance measurement outcomes presented in the Performance Accountability Report for FY 2012	Fieldwork
14	Public-Private Developers	To determine whether developers complied with the requirements of Certified Business Enterprise Agreements (CBEAs) for FY 2013 and to report on the progress of developers in reaching CBE goals established in CBEAs	Final Issued 1/9/14
15	Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD)	To determine the FY 2014 SBE expenditures of District agencies through the 1st quarter of FY 2014 and to determine the compliance of District agencies with SBE goals and expenditure reporting requirements	Completed
16	Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD)	To determine whether District agencies met the required goal of procuring 50 percent of agency expendable budgets with SBEs in FY 2013 and to determine the compliance of District agencies with SBE goals and expenditure reporting requirements	Ongoing
17	Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD)	To determine the SBE FY 2014 expenditures of District agencies through the 2nd quarter of FY 2014 and to determine the compliance of District agencies with SBE goals and expenditure reporting requirements	Ongoing
18	Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD)	To determine the SBE FY 2014 expenditures of District agencies through the 3rd quarter of FY 2014 and to determine the compliance of District agencies with SBE goals and expenditure reporting requirements	Not Started
19	Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC)	To present a consolidated annual report of the financial activity of all Advisory Neighborhood Commissions regarding the expenditure of District funds and quarterly financial reports that were submitted to the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor for FY 2013	Not Started

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20	Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC)	To present the Security Fund Annual Financial Report of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission for FY 2013	Final Issued 12/20/13
21	District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)	To present evaluation results for 2012 – 2013 school year with a five-year trend analysis for human resource operations and human capital strategies of DCPS, with an emphasis on teachers and principals	Ongoing
22	District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)	To present evaluation results for 2008 – 2009 school year with a five-year trend analysis for certain business practices and strategies and student achievement of DCPS	Ongoing
23	District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)	To present evaluation results for 2009 – 2010 school year with a five-year trend analysis for certain business practices and strategies of DCPS	Ongoing
24	District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)	To present a comprehensive report covering five years regarding implementation of PERAA and whether sufficient progress in DCPS education was achieved to warrant continuation of the provisions and requirements of PERAA or whether a new law, and a new system of education should be enacted	Ongoing
25	Department of Employment Services (DOES)/ Department of Human Resources (DCHR)	To determine whether employers met the posting requirements of the Act; agencies met the administrative requirements of the Act; and whether there was an economic impact on the private sector as a result of the Act	Survey
26	Department of General Services (DGS)	To evaluate the use of the Public School Capital Improvement Fund to include a school and project specific audit of all expenditures for school facility capital improvements, maintenance, repairs, and operating costs and assess whether the District met the process, quality, schedule, and cost objectives of the Facilities Master Plan and Capital Improvement Plan and Budget for FY 2013	Fieldwork
27	Washington Convention and Sports Authority (Events DC)	To determine whether FY 2015 projected dedicated tax revenues, operation revenues, and excess reserve will be sufficient to meet the FY 2015 projected expenditures and reserve requirements of Events DC	Survey

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28	Washington Convention and Sports Authority (Events DC)	To determine whether the accounts and operations of Events DC complied with applicable laws, regulations, and policies and procedures	Not Started
29	Metropolitan Police Department (MPD)	To ensure MPD complied with rules, regulations and laws pertaining to MPD investigations concerning first amendment activities during FY 2013	Survey
30	Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board (Lottery)	To determine whether accounts and transactions of the Lottery complied with applicable laws, municipal regulations, policies and procedures	Fieldwork
31	Homeless programs affiliated with Nonprofit Organizations	To review homeless programs affiliated with nonprofit organizations to determine redundancy, waste, inefficiency, and inadequate accountability	Survey
32	Metropolitan Police Department (MPD)	To determine whether operations were efficient, effective, economical, and complied with rules, regulation and laws	Not Started
33	Department of Behavioral Health (DBH)	To determine whether the operations of Saint Elizabeths were efficient, effective, economical, and complied with rules, regulations and laws	Survey
34	Public Charter School Board (PCSB)/ Public Charter Schools (PCS)	To determine whether accounts and operations were managed effectively and economically and complied with rules, regulations and laws	Fieldwork
35	District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)	To determine whether operations were efficient, effective, economical, and complied with rules, regulations and laws	Fieldwork
36	Department of Health (DOH)	To determine whether operations were efficient, effective, economical, and complied with rules, regulations and laws	Not Started
37	Board of Elections	To determine whether the voter files were accurate and complied with relevant rules, regulations and laws	Survey
38	Department of the Environment	To determine whether the department managed the Anacostia River Clean Up and Protection Program in an effective and efficient manner and complied with rules, regulations and laws	Reporting

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39	Office of Unified Communications	To determine whether 311 Call Center was managed in an effective and efficient manner and complied with rules, regulations and law	Survey
40	Previously Audited Agencies	To determine whether agreed upon recommendations issued during FY 2012 and 2013 were implemented	Ongoing
41	Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO)	District of Columbia Revenue Certification for FY 2014 Bond Issuance	Final Issued 4/3/14
42	Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) and District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA)	To determine whether the New Communities Initiative operations are efficient, effective, economical, and comply with rules, regulations and laws	Survey
43	Department of Human Services	To determine the number of families affected by the second reduction in TANF benefits and to identify if the families have had changes in education performance, health and new interactions with social services	Ongoing