



May 6, 2019

The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
Chairperson
Committee on House Administration
U.S. House of Representatives
1309 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Chairperson:

In accordance with 44 U.S.C. 3903 and the relevant provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, I am transmitting to Congress the Semiannual Report of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) for the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) covering the 6-month period of October 1, 2018, through March 31, 2019, along with the following information as required by law.

This letter meets GPO management's statutory obligation to provide comments on the OIG's report and highlights management actions taken on the OIG's recommendations, which may relate to more than one reporting period.

Change in GPO's IG. In accordance with 44 U.S.C. 3902, Michael P. Leary was appointed as GPO's Inspector General (IG) effective April 14, 2019. At the time this report was prepared, James R. Ives was serving as GPO's Acting IG. Mr. Ives had been appointed Acting IG in January of 2019, following the departure of former GPO IG Melinda Miguel.

Management Challenges. Four Management Challenges are listed in this report. The OIG reports that GPO continues to address each Management Challenge. With regard to Management Challenge 2, the OIG credits GPO on its efforts to complete the transformation from FDsys to **govinfo** and modified the challenge statement to reflect this accomplishment. The FDsys website was fully retired in December 2018 and replaced by the new, modern **govinfo**.

GPO will continue to work with the OIG to take the necessary actions to address and resolve the Management Challenges facing the agency while working to meet the information product requirements of Congress, Federal agencies, and the public.

OIG Audit Reports – Current and Prior Period Outstanding Recommendations. During the reporting period, the OIG issued 10 audit reports addressing different GPO programs and activities containing a total of 30 program improvement recommendations, with total other monetary impacts of \$2.35 million.

GPO's Annual Financial Audit During the reporting period, the independent annual audit of GPO's financial statements for FY 2018 was concluded. For the 22nd consecutive year, GPO received an "unmodified," or clean, opinion on its financial statements.

In connection with the audit, the OIG issued a management letter reporting operational matters involving internal controls not included in the consolidated financial audit report. This report made five recommendations for improving internal controls and other operating efficiencies. Management has concurred with the report's recommendations. Also in connection with the audit, an assessment of IT controls was performed. The report made three recommendations and management has concurred with these recommendations.

Status of Action on Audit Report Recommendations There were 104 IG recommendations open as of October 1, 2018, including 30 on which corrective action has not been completed in more than one year. During the reporting period, GPO management closed out 69 recommendations. GPO will continue to proactively work to address recommendations from the OIG.

OIG Investigations. The OIG concluded five investigations during the reporting period.

Statistical Tables. Statistical tables as required by law are enclosed.

If you should require additional information with respect to this report, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James McCarthy, GPO's Congressional Relations Specialist, on 202-512-1968, or by email at jmccarthy@gpo.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Rodney Davis
Ranking Member, Committee on House Administration
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The Honorable Roy Blunt
Chairman, Committee on Rules and Administration
United States Senate

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
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United States Senate

ENCLOSURE I

**AUDIT REPORTS ISSUED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD WITH QUESTIONED COSTS, FUNDS
PUT TO BETTER USE, AND OTHER MONETARY IMPACT**

<u>Report Number</u>	<u>Number of Recommendations</u>	<u>Questioned Costs (\$)</u>	<u>Funds Put to Better Use (\$)</u>	<u>Other Monetary Impact (\$)</u>
19-01	0	0	0	0
19-02	2	0	0	0
19-03	5	0	0	\$2.35M
19-04	3	0	0	0
19-05	3	0	0	0
19-06	0	0	0	0
19-07	14	0	0	0
19-08	3	0	0	0
19-09	0	0	0	0
19-10	0	0	0	0

ENCLOSURE II

AUDIT REPORTS WITH RECOMMENDATIONS THAT FUNDS BE PUT TO BETTER USE, QUESTIONED COSTS, AND OTHER MONETARY IMPACT

	<u>Number of Reports</u>	<u>Funds Put to Better Use and Other Monetary Impact</u>
Reports for which no management decisions were made by the beginning of the reporting period	0	0
Reports issued during reporting period	10	\$2.35M
Audit Report No. 19-03		\$2.35M
Reports for which a management decision was made during the report period:		
1. Dollar value of recommendations not agreed to by management		0
2. Dollar value of recommendations agreed to by management		0
Reports for which management decision was made by the end of the reporting period	10	\$2.35M
Reports for which no management decision was made within 6 months of issuance	0	0