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Inspection of the Bureau of Diplomatic Security Directorate for International Programs

At the time of this inspection, the Bureau of Diplomatic Security's Directorate for International Programs (DS/IP) was transitioning to new leadership and had vacancies in several key positions, but was nevertheless well managed and productive. Those respondents to OIG's questionnaire in Washington and overseas who are assisted or supported by DS/IP were overwhelmingly positive regarding the directorate's effectiveness and the dedication of its staff. In addition, DS/IP has maintained the performance of its highest-priority programs during a time of budget uncertainties and increasing security threats.

Nonetheless, Office of Inspector General (OIG) found that improvements are needed in financial management of key DS/IP programs to better align the bureau's budget to actual program costs. OIG also advised that:

- The relationship between the Force Protection Detachment personnel assigned to an embassy and the embassy's regional security officer needs to be clarified to ensure the separation of security responsibilities between the chief of mission and the area combatant commander.
- The oversight and administration of the Worldwide Personal Protection Services contract should be reviewed to ensure adequate protection against billing errors and overcharges and to ensure there is adequate staff to integrate previous task orders into the contract.
- Morale, otherwise good, could be improved in DS/IP's Office of Overseas Protective Services, where staff expressed frustration with what they see as insufficient funding for key programs, inadequate staffing, and the need for employees to cover multiple portfolios.

DS/IP has 218 employees and is responsible for approximately two-thirds of DS's total budget, or approximately \$950 million. It provides expertise and liaison in response to crises at overseas missions; training in response to chemical, biological, and radiological attacks; and liaison with Department of Defense regional commands, Special Operations Command, and the Marine Corps (for the Marine security guard program). It also researches, monitors, and analyzes all-source intelligence on terrorist activities and threats against Americans, U.S. diplomatic and consular personnel, and overseas facilities. In addition, it provides the management oversight, operational guidance, and funding to ensure the security of U.S. overseas personnel and facilities.

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