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Highlights of Report Number: 21-03-015-03-365, a report to the Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration. August 14, 2003.

WHY READ THE REPORT

Motivation, Education and Training (MET), Inc., a nonprofit organization based in New Caney, Texas, received \$6.475 million from the Department of Labor (DOL) under the Workforce Investment Act's National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP). MET used the grant to operate employment training programs for 2,609 migrant and seasonal farmworkers throughout Texas during the period, July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001.

Migrant and seasonal workers face multiple barriers to achieving economic self-sufficiency. A DOL survey in 2000 found that farmworkers work only about half a year (24 weeks), and typically have only a sixth grade education. Approximately 61 percent have incomes below the poverty level. Continued support and funding for federal programs to assist farmworkers depend on state and local partners, like MET, Inc., using their grants effectively and according to federal guidelines.

WHY OIG CONDUCTED THE AUDIT

OIG had two audit objectives. First, we wanted to determine whether the costs claimed by MET for the period July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001, under the DOL grant, were reasonable, allowable, and allocable according to cost principles set forth in *OMB Circular A-122* and grant guidelines. Second, we wanted to determine whether or not the performance that MET reported to ETA was accurate and properly supported.

READ THE FULL REPORT

The full report, including the scope, methodology, and agency response, is available on the Internet at:

<http://www.oig.dol.gov/public/reports/oa/2003/21-03-015-03-365.pdf>

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PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF DOL GRANT TO MOTIVATION, EDUCATION AND TRAINING (MET), INC., FOR TEXAS FARMWORKER PROGRAM

WHAT OIG FOUND

Our audit involved examining MET's financial records to ensure that all program and administrative costs, both direct and indirect, charged to the Federal Government were reasonable, allowable and, where applicable, allocable among cost objectives. We sampled cost categories and tested selected items to ensure they were properly charged. We had no findings or questioned costs.

OIG's audit also included an examination of participant files in order to determine that those individuals receiving services and training from MET were eligible recipients under the grant. We made a random selection of 89 participant files to review. For all sampled cases, we found that costs and reported performance was accurate and supported.

WHAT OIG RECOMMENDED

The OIG audit did not result in any findings or questioned costs. Therefore, OIG did not make any recommendations to the Employment and Training Administration.