

Appendix D

Job Corps' Response

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MEMORANDUM FOR: ELLIOT P. LEWIS
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for Audit

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Office of Job Corps

SUBJECT: Response to the OIG Draft Report on the Performance Audit of
USDA Forest Service Job Corps Centers,
Report No. 26-08-002-01-370

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Office of Inspector General (OIG) draft report on the Performance Audit of USDA, dated September 9, 2008.

The National Office of Job Corps concurs with the reported findings and recommendations. The Job Corps Regional Offices (Philadelphia, Region II, Atlanta, Region III, and Chicago, Region V) will coordinate with the USDA Forest Service to request their written concurrence, nonconcurrence, or concurrence in part to the reported findings and recommendations as related to the Schenck, Flatwoods, and Blackwell Civilian Conservation Job Corps Centers. Further, the Job Corps Regional Offices will provide a plan of action and milestones for completing the planned USDA Forest Service actions to the reported recommendations. In the interim, Job Corps Regional Offices will stay in communication with the USDA Forest Service to coordinate a written response including a plan of action and milestone(s) which should be forwarded to your office no later than October 17, 2008.

The Office of Job Corps will consider the issues of wasteful spending and financial non-compliance for recommendations 5 and 10 of the draft report by the USDA Forest Service when making future budget decisions impacting the USDA Forest Service's management of the USDA Forest Service Conservation Centers.

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