

GRANTEE'S RESPONSE TO DRAFT REPORT



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Dear Mr. Allberry:

Thank you for your correspondence of November 15, 2005, related to the Office of Inspector General's (OIG) review of allegations pertaining to the One-Stop Center, operated by Affiliated Computer Services, Inc., in Local Workforce Investment Area IV (Wichita, KS). The Kansas Department of Commerce was pleased to note the OIG's audit draft substantiates the State's initial monitoring review and determination that none of the allegations were supported.

As the State Manager for the unit (Workforce Compliance and Oversight) specifically charged with reviewing the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) for program compliance, I was additionally pleased to note the allegations were brought to the OIG's attention in response to a hotline complaint. Several years ago I inquired with OIG's national office on the possibility of receiving hotline posters for placement in all of our offices. As we could find nothing available, we developed an appropriate poster (see attachment) and mandated it be prominently displayed in all state offices where employment and training services are provided. It is gratifying to know individuals are actively utilizing this venue to address their concerns.

In closing, the Kansas Department of Commerce welcomes the opportunity to work with you and your staff on any additional issues of mutual concern.

Sincerely,

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attachment

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