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Highlights of Report Number: 04-03-016-03-340, a report to the Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration. May 5, 2003.

WHY READ THE REPORT

On July 1, 2000, Title I of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) replaced the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) as the main Federal law to provide skills training and job search assistance to eligible youth and adults. To facilitate the transition to WIA, the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) issued guidance to states on how to properly close out their JTPA grants. By evaluating the closeout process, OIG has helped ETA to identify ways that states can improve how they monitor federally funded employment training programs.

WHY OIG CONDUCTED THE EVALUATION

The OIG evaluated the closeout of JTPA in a sample of states, including Hawaii. Our objective was to determine if Hawaii: (1) closed its JTPA grants on a timely basis, according to ETA instructions; (2) reported amounts in the closeout packages and/or the final costs reports that were reasonable and supported by accounting records; and (3) whether there were any unresolved audit findings related to JTPA awards.

OIG contracted with independent auditors to help with the evaluation. The auditors used agreed-upon procedures in examining the JTPA funds awarded to Hawaii from July 1, 1997, through June 30, 2000. They looked at grant activities on the final closeout reports submitted by the state and one subrecipient, the City and County of Honolulu.

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/2003/04-03-016-03-340.pdf>

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OIG EVALUATES CLOSEOUT PRACTICES APPLIED TO JTPA GRANTS AWARDED TO THE STATE OF HAWAII

WHAT OIG FOUND

Hawaii submitted its JTPA closeout package to ETA on December 29, 2000. We identified the final JTPA expenditures reported on the closeout report, and found that the expenditures reported reconciled to the State's accounting records. In addition, the final expenditures reported were reasonable, based on amounts previously reported to ETA.

The JTPA program was audited as a major program in the State's single audits for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 1999 and SFY 2000. The SFY 2000 single audit report did not have any findings related to the JTPA program.

We visited one subrecipient, and found that final expenditures reported to the State reconciled to the subrecipient's accounting records.

Hawaii's Department of Labor and Industrial Relations did not have any written comments on our draft report.