

**AGENCY RESPONSE TO DRAFT REPORT**

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SUBJECT: Job Corps Regional Director's Authority as Contracting  
Officer Raises Concerns - Draft Audit Report No.  
04-07-002-01-370

We have reviewed your draft report regarding the activities of the former Regional Director in Atlanta. That draft report summarized the three prevailing allegations that were investigated, the findings that resulted, and your recommendations on how those findings might be addressed.

We agree with and accept your findings in this draft report. As an organization, we have already addressed the need to separate the duties of the Regional Director and Contracting Officer by placing those functions in two different reporting structures. The actual duties are now divided and are the responsibility of separate individuals. This occurrence also addresses your recommendation to ensure adherence to the Federal Acquisitions Regulations, since the duties are now separated, and we agree to update our Program Assessment Guide as well.

We appreciate your review and your on-going efforts to help us make Job Corps an even better organization.