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Highlights of Report Number: 06-07-008-03-390, to the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training.

WHY READ THE REPORT

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) performed an audit resulting from a complaint against Southwest Texas Junior College (SWTJC) officials. The complaint alleged that SWTJC officials improperly used U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) funds to purchase inappropriate equipment. The complaint also alleged SWTJC officials never intended to have a Registered Nurse (RN) program, also known as Advanced Degree in Nursing (ADN) program.

WHY OIG DID THE AUDIT

The purpose of the audit was to answer the following questions:

- Was the highly computerized SimMan Patient Simulator equipment purchased for the Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) lab too sophisticated for the skill level of the students?
- Were DOL funds improperly used to purchase computer projection equipment for the ADN program?
- Has SWTJC achieved the goal of establishing the ADN program?

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COMPLAINT AGAINST SOUTHWEST TEXAS JUNIOR COLLEGE COMMUNITY-BASED JOB TRAINING GRANT WAS UNSUBSTANTIATED

WHAT OIG FOUND

The OIG found no evidence that the SimMan Patient Simulator equipment purchased for the LVN lab was too sophisticated for the LVN students' skill level. In addition, we found no evidence that DOL funds were improperly used to purchase computer projection equipment for the ADN program.

We determined that, while SWTJC has not achieved its goal of establishing the ADN program, the grant is ongoing through October 2008, and SWTJC was making progress in the program's development and implementation.

WHAT OIG RECOMMENDED

We have no recommendations as a result of this audit.

SWTJC concurred with our findings and did not provide comments.