Final Memorandum on the Assessment of NASA's Information Mission Control Center Concept (IG-05-003, December 21, 2004)

The NASA Office of Inspector General (OIG) reviewed NASA's strategy for centralizing control over Agency networks and information technology (IT) security functions from the Information Mission Control Center (IMCC). We conducted the review to determine whether the strategy underlying the IMCC was feasible and warranted continued funding. We also reviewed the evolution of the intent and functions of the IMCC and whether NASA adequately analyzed the functional and budget requirements. The original planning for the IMCC appeared to have been less than rigorous. Further, no formal articulation of the goal and objective of the IMCC existed. However, over the previous 2 years, NASA had engaged in detailed planning and a procurement process to more specifically define functional and budget requirements and more fully and effectively use the IMCC. The strategy at the time of our audit for IMCC was feasible and warranted continued funding. Although NASA had not yet fully implemented the IMCC, it was supporting NASA-wide activities under Marshall Space Flight Center management authority with plans for the IMCC to provide additional services in the future.

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