

**Report on Examination of Direct and
Indirect Costs and Rates for Fiscal Year
Ended March 31, 2000**

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MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID A. GRANT
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SUBJECT: Report on Examination of Direct and Indirect Costs and Rates for
Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2000 (Audit #20041C0212)

The Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) examined the contractor's December 6, 2001, certified final indirect cost rate proposal and related books and records for reimbursement of Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 incurred costs. The purpose of the examination was to determine the allowability and allocability of direct costs and indirect cost rates and to establish audit-determined indirect cost rates for April 1, 1999, through March 31, 2000. The proposed rates apply primarily to flexibly priced contracts.

The DCAA questioned costs of approximately \$10.3 million in the contractor's claimed labor overhead and general and administrative (G&A) expenses. The questioned costs include approximately \$7.8 million in claimed executive compensation costs for the contractor's FY 2000. The DCAA indicated that the questioned costs resulted from a comparison of executives' compensation to comparable executive positions published in executive market pay surveys. The DCAA questioned the executive compensation costs based on application of the reasonableness criteria of the Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 31. The questioned costs also include \$1.8 million in claimed corporate residual G&A cost. This questioned cost is a result of the DCAA's reconciliation of claimed corporate allocations to the contractor's FY 2000 corporate audit report.

Additionally, the DCAA applied an upward adjustment to the claimed G&A base. The contractor concurred with all the questioned/upward-adjusted cost except for the approximately \$7.8 million in executive compensation and its effect on allowable overhead allocations to the G&A pool.

The DCAA opined that the contractor's proposed indirect rates, subject to the qualifications discussed below, are not acceptable as proposed. However, claimed direct costs, subject to the qualifications discussed below, are provisionally approved pending final acceptance.

The DCAA qualified its audit report because results of the assist audits for the subcontract costs had not been received. The results of the assist audits may disclose additional questioned costs. Also, the DCAA indicated that the contractor's home office has been cited as being in noncompliance with Cost Accounting Standard 405 for failing to identify and exclude expressly unallowable costs from its incurred cost submission. A final determination on this noncompliance may lead to additional questioned costs. Additionally, the DCAA stated that subsequent audits or reviews on insurance, pension, and other fringe benefits may supplement the findings in this report.

Although this DCAA report is dated March 29, 2002, we did not receive a copy of the report until November 2003. Neither the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) nor the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) are shown on the DCAA report distribution list, even though IRS-administered contracts were included in the scope of the DCAA report.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 622-8500 or John R. Wright, Director, at (202) 927-7077.

Attachment

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