



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

THE DIRECTOR

September 16, 2015

The Honorable Gene L. Dodaro  
Comptroller General of the United States  
U.S. Government Accountability Office  
441 G Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20548

Dear Comptroller General Dodaro:

This letter is to report a violation of the Antideficiency Act (ADA), as required by 31 U.S.C. 1351.

A violation of 31 U.S.C. 1342, which prohibits the acceptance of voluntary services, occurred from October 6, 2014, through January 26, 2015, in account 100-55-0300, Salaries and Expenses. The violation occurred when the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) accepted the uncompensated services of a student intern who was later determined not to have met the half-time enrollment requirement for qualifying as a student pursuant to the voluntary services exception for student interns under 5 U.S.C. 3111.

Upon realizing the error, OMB immediately terminated the relationship with the student. To prevent a recurrence of this type of violation in the future, OMB has developed a new policy on student interns, instituted a new standard operating procedure and checklist for the onboarding of student interns, established new documentation requirements, centralized the recruiting process for student interns, posted the new policy documents on its internal website, and familiarized staff and management with the new policies and procedures.

OMB's Management and Operations Division was the office responsible for ensuring that the half-time enrollment requirement was met. None of the individuals involved in hiring this particular student were aware that the student was enrolled less than half-time at the educational institution. OMB staff has found no evidence that the violation was committed knowingly and willfully. Disciplinary or other administrative action is not required because the training and policy modifications described above should ensure that this type of violation does not recur.

Identical reports are being submitted to the President, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

Shaun Donovan  
Director

Identical Letter Sent to:

The President

The President of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Comptroller General of the United States