



The Administrator

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

Dear Mr. Dodaro:

This letter is to report two violations of the Antideficiency Act (ADA), as required by 31 USC §1351.

The violations occurred in the Acquisition Services Fund (ASF), an intragovernmental revolving no-year fund, Treasury symbol 47-4534\X and no funds were expended in violation of the ADA. The violations occurred in 2010 in connection with two task orders issued by GSA's Federal Acquisition Service (FAS) for the acquisition of technology-related services on behalf of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). One task order was for Project Management Support Services during the phased transition of the approximately 14,000 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) employees to the new St. Elizabeths campus with an initial period of performance of September 30, 2010 to November 28, 2011 in a base amount of \$1,558,568. The other task order was for Independent Verification and Validation of the products, services, and systems that were to be installed during the construction and renovation of the St. Elizabeths campus information technology infrastructure with a period of performance of September 30, 2010 to November 30, 2011 in a base amount of \$1,864,282.80.

The violations were of 31 USC §1341(a)(1)(B) in that funds were obligated using the ASF, which was to be reimbursed by time-limited funds made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), for two severable services task orders with a period of performance longer than one year. GSA FAS issued the task orders for severable services for a period of fourteen months rather than twelve months when the money being used to reimburse FAS was ARRA money expiring on September 30, 2010. I would note that to the extent that either of these transactions rose to the level of an ADA violation, they amounted at most to only limited technical violations; the task orders were promptly corrected when the error was discovered and within the original 12-month compliant timeframe; and no unavailable funds were spent.

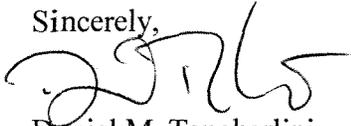
Ms. Reva Hutchinson (GS -14) of GSA's National Capital Region was the employee responsible for this. At the time the problem was discovered, Ms. Hutchison's contracting warrant was suspended for 210 days. During the suspension, she was required to attend additional training in proper contracting procedures. The employee is not suspected of willfully and knowingly violating the ADA.

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No additional action needs to be taken to prevent a recurrence of the same type of violation.

Identical reports will be submitted to the presiding officer of each House of Congress as well as the Comptroller General.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Tangherlini', written in a cursive style.

Daniel M. Tangherlini
Administrator

Enclosures