HOW CAN I REPORT FRAUD, WASTE, ABUSE, AND MISMANAGEMENT?

FraudNet is available online or by telephone for the public to report government fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement of federal funds. FraudNet:

- Refers allegations to the appropriate authorities
- Helps other agencies establish and operate hotlines
- Supports congressional investigations

GAO’s FraudNet

The public sent 10,989 complaints to FraudNet in FY 2018. 1,200 of those complaints were considered to be allegations worth pursuing.

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FRAUD IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN SOMETHING OF VALUE THROUGH WILLFUL MISREPRESENTATION

Inflating bill to shift funds

Underreporting to prevent federal evaluation for fraud and waste

Selling counterfeit electronics to an agency

Only the public can determine whether an act is indeed fraud.

WASTE IS SQUANDERING MONEY OR RESOURCES, EVEN IF NOT EXPLICITLY ILLEGAL

Buying added-office equipment for a former employee

Burning agency computer to destroy necessary evidence

Buying unnecessary equipment for personal use or gain

ABUSE IS BEHAVING IMPROPRIETELY OR UNREASONABLY, OR MISUSING ONE’S POSITION OR AUTHORITY

Using an agency computer to download sexually explicit material

Buying a digital music player for “official data storage”

Buying technical specifications or contract terms to favor a specific contractor

MISMANAGEMENT IS CREATING A SUBSTANTIAL RISK TO AN AGENCY’S ABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH ITS MISSION

Continuing to pay utility bills for formerly leased office space

Requesting technical support contracts for software the agency no longer uses

Stockpiling equipment beyond its shelf-life

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