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AN OVERVIEW

Fraud, Waste, Abuse, and Mismanagement

Know how to recognize and report them

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES THAT TRACK AND RECOVER DAMAGES FROM FRAUD, WASTE, ABUSE, AND MISMANAGEMENT HAVE A BIG JOB.

GAO’s FraudNet is GAO’s hotline for the public to report government fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement of federal funds.

The public sent 10,989 complaints to FraudNet in FY 2018.

1,200 of those complaints were considered to be allegations worth pursuing.

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

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

FRAUD

FRAUD IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN SOMETHING OF VALUE THROUGH WILLFUL MISREPRESENTATION

Waste is squandering money or resources, even if not explicitly illegal

Abuse is behaving improperly or unreasonably, or misusing one’s position or authority

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

The impact of fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement is felt government-wide.

For example, $2.8 Billion was recovered by the Department of Justice in FY 2018 from civil cases involving fraud.

Source: Department of Justice.

LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION?

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