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SUBJECT: Quarterly High-Dollar Overpayments Report
July to September 2019

Attached is the Department's Quarterly High-Dollar Overpayments report, as required by Section 3(f) of Executive Order 13520, *Reducing Improper Payments*. During the reporting period, there was one High-Dollar Overpayments identified for the DHS programs identified as highly susceptible to improper payments, and thus applicable to high dollar overpayment reporting. This report contains information on the newly identified high-dollar overpayment as well as those high-dollar overpayments reported in the previous report that remain uncollected as of this reporting period.

The Department is committed to eliminating payment error in federal programs and increasing transparency. As responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars, reducing improper payments remains a top priority. We continue to monitor programs and strengthen controls to reduce the instances of improper payments, take steps to mitigate systemic weaknesses, and address specific root causes.

Attachment

**Department of Homeland Security
High-Dollar Overpayments Report
for the Current Quarter ending (September 30, 2019)**

Current Quarter Activity																		
Component	Recipient Type (Entity or Individual)	City	State	Program Office	Treasury Fund Symbol (TFS)	Recovery Actions Taken or Planned	Category (Bill)	Cause of Overpayment Category	Why the Overpayment Occurred And Actions to Prevent Reoccurrence	Payment Date ¹	High \$ Overpayment Date Identified ¹	Date Overpayment Recouped	Amount Paid	Correct Amount	Overpayment Amount	Recovered Amount	Waived Amount or Documentation Received	Outstanding Balance
FEMA	Entity	Austin	TX	Public Assistance Program	70-X-0702	State Government returned funds to FEMA	Duplicate Payment	Data Entry Error	Grantee made duplicate payments in error. The funds have been returned to the SMARTlink drawdown account.	December 27, 2017	July 30, 2019	August 31, 2019	\$3,189,791.87	\$0.00	\$3,189,791.87	\$3,189,791.87	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total													\$3,189,791.87	\$0.00	\$3,189,791.87	\$3,189,791.87	\$0.00	\$0.00

1) As part of the IPIA review, DHS Components review prior fiscal year disbursements for the identified programs. As such, the FY2019 IPIA review examined FY2018 disbursements.

* For other improper payments identified during the DHS FY2019 IPIA review, overpayments either did not meet the applicable thresholds for high dollar overpayment reporting or were not a monetary loss to the government.

**Department of Homeland Security
Current Status of Outstanding High-Dollar Overpayments Previously Reported
for the Quarter Ending (September 30, 2019)**

Debts Under Collection by DHS													
Component	Recipient Type (Entity or Individual)	City	State	Program(s) Responsible	Recovery Action Taken or Planned	Payment Date ¹	High \$ Overpayment Date Identified ²	Amount Paid	Correct Amount	Overpayment Amount	Recovered Amount	Outstanding Balance	Days Outstanding ³
FEMA	Entity	Arlington	VA	Financial Management Division- Vendor Payments	FEMA is finalizing determination as to whether improper payment is administrative only and thus not applicable for recovery. HDOP is under review by FEMA OCPO. Can not off-set or recoup, until confirmed by OCPO as a HDOP. FEMA Financial Office will coordinate with Procurement office for updated training on contract billing requirements.	November 9, 2016	October 9, 2018	\$373,386.28	\$0.00	\$373,386.28	\$0.00	\$373,386.28	356
FEMA	Entity	Ashburn	VA	Financial Management Division- Vendor Payments	FEMA is finalizing determination as to whether improper payment is administrative only and thus not applicable for recovery. HDOP is under review by FEMA OCPO. Can not off-set or recoup, until confirmed by OCPO as a HDOP. FEMA Financial Office will coordinate with Procurement office for updated training on contract billing requirements.	March 9, 2017	October 9, 2018	\$410,000.00	\$0.00	\$410,000.00	\$0.00	\$410,000.00	356
FEMA	Entity	Rockville	MD	Financial Management Division- Vendor Payments	FEMA is finalizing determination as to whether improper payment is administrative only and thus not applicable for recovery. HDOP is under review by FEMA OCPO. Can not off-set or recoup, until confirmed by OCPO as a HDOP. FEMA Financial Office will coordinate with Procurement office for updated training on contract billing requirements.	May 17, 2017	October 9, 2018	\$198,284.17	\$92,440.37	\$105,843.80	\$0.00	\$105,843.80	356
FEMA	Entity	Reston	VA	Financial Management Division- Vendor Payments	FEMA is finalizing determination as to whether improper payment is administrative only and thus not applicable for recovery. HDOP is under review by FEMA OCPO. Can not off-set or recoup, until confirmed by OCPO as a HDOP. FEMA Financial Office will coordinate with Procurement office for updated training on contract billing requirements.	April 19, 2017	October 9, 2018	\$232,658.48	\$0.00	\$232,658.48	\$0.00	\$232,658.48	356
FEMA	Entity	Reston	VA	Financial Management Division- Vendor Payments	FEMA is finalizing determination as to whether improper payment is administrative only and thus not applicable for recovery. HDOP is under review by FEMA OCPO. Can not off-set or recoup, until confirmed by OCPO as a HDOP. FEMA Financial Office will coordinate with Procurement office for updated training on contract billing requirements.	January 27, 2017 January 30, 2017 February 22, 2017	October 9, 2018	\$3,056,859.67	\$1,194,487.68	\$1,862,371.99	\$0.00	\$1,862,371.99	356
FEMA	Entity	Farmingtonmills	MI	Vendor Payment	Notice of potential Debt sent to vendor for resolution of improper transaction. Transaction was improper due to nonsubmission of supporting documentation. The incentive fee for the time period of June 23, 2014 - June 27, 2014, for the vendor was 6% when it should have only received 3%. The contract , under SSPA-3 it states that they must have an error rate of less than 10% to get the 6% incentive payment and therefore would only qualify for a 3% incentive. The error rate for this period was 11%. Thus the total incentive should have been \$54,384.59 not \$108,769.17. The Bill for Collection was sent on March 8, 2018 to FEMA Finance Center by the Contracting Officer. The AON Contractor has put in Appeal and the Notice of Debt Letter. The Contracting Officer and the COR remain engaged regarding the issue. HDOP is under review by FEMA OCPO. Can not off-set or recoup, until confirmed by OCPO as a HDOP.	November 25, 2014	December 31, 2016	\$108,769.17	\$54,384.59	\$54,384.58	\$0.00	\$54,384.58	1003
Total								\$4,379,957.77	\$1,341,312.64	\$3,038,645.13	\$0.00	\$3,038,645.13	

1) For multiple payments consolidated into one identified quarterly high dollar overpayment to the individual or entity, all payment dates are noted. Payment date set as the PARS Transaction Date for Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) payments and as the SMARTLINK Payment Drawdown date for Public Assistance.

2) As part of the IPIA review, DHS Components review prior fiscal year disbursements for the identified programs. As such, the FY2018 IPIA review examined FY2017 disbursements. For high dollar overpayments identified through the FY 2018 IPIA review, the reported "date identified" reflects the date upon which FEMA's improper payment testing results under the annual IPIA requirement were verified through the DHS HQ quality review process and extrapolated out as final testing results. Note that updates to testing results were taken by FEMA up until this point in order to allow FEMA programs the most extensive time to gather any outstanding documentation and to ensure the most accurate IPIA testing results.

3) Days outstanding calculated as the days between when the payment was identified and the current quarter end date.

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Current Status of Outstanding High-Dollar Overpayments Previously Reported
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Debts Sent to Treasury Offset Program for Collection													
Component	Recipient Type (Entity or Individual)	City	State	Program(s) Responsible	Recovery Action Taken or Planned	Payment Date	High \$ Overpayment Date Identified	Amount Paid	Correct Amount	Overpayment Amount	Recovered Amount	Outstanding Balance	Days Outstanding
					N/A - No prior overpayments referred to Treasury Offset								
								Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Current Status of Outstanding High-Dollar Overpayments Previously Reported
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Debts Cleared or Collected by Component					Recovery Action Taken To Recoup Overpayment	Payment Date	High \$ Overpayment Date Identified	Date Overpayment Recouped	Amount Paid	Correct Amount	Overpayment Amount	Recovered Amount	Waived Amount or Documentation Received	Outstanding Balance	Days taken to Recoup Overpayment
Component	Recipient Type (Entity or Individual)	City	State	Program(s) Responsible											
					N/A - No prior outstanding overpayments collected										
Total									\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	