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MEMORANDUM FOR: MAREK LACO
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Employment and Training



FROM: SEAN GILKERSON
Acting Assistant Inspector General
for Audit

SUBJECT: Audit of Employment and Training Administration's Efforts to Address Job Corps Program Challenges, Project No. 02-P27-001-03-370

Please be advised that the Office of Inspector General is initiating an audit to determine steps the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has taken to address program challenges within the Job Corps Program. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference to discuss the audit's objective, scope, and methodology.

We plan to begin work immediately after our meeting and would appreciate your notifying appropriate agency officials of our plans. To facilitate the start of the audit, we have attached an initial data and information request and would appreciate this information being provided to us no later than November 27, 2026.

Attachment

cc: Greg Hitchcock
Special Assistant, Office of Grants Management, ETA

Chantel Sollers
Audit Liaison, Office of Grants Management, ETA

Data and Information Request

We are requesting the following items:

Item #	Description
1.	For Program Years 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026, provide the following: a. An Excel schedule identifying the center operator for each Job Corps center and, for each program year, the amount awarded to the operator to run the center, the amount paid to the operator, and any amount the operator refunded to ETA. b. An Excel schedule showing, for each Job Corps center and, for each program year, beginning student enrollment, new enrollments, withdrawals, graduates, and ending student enrollment. Also provide the underlying data and any code or programming logic needed to reproduce the reported totals.
2.	ETA's inventory of Job Corps program challenges and related corrective action plans, including actions taken, planned, discontinued, or modified. In addition, a. The names of the responsible officials; b. Implementation dates; c. Key milestones; and d. Current status.
3.	ETA's risk assessments, management analyses, briefing materials, and decision memoranda used to identify, assess, and prioritize Job Corps program challenges related to, for example, budget, utilization, performance, contractor operations, staffing and participant safety.