


APPENDIX D

AGENCY RESPONSE TO DRAFT REPORT

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SUBJECT: Boston Regional Office Procurement of Job Corps Center Operator
and Service Providers in Puerto Rico
Draft Audit Report No. 26-06-001-01-370

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the comprehensive work that your office put forth in reviewing the addressed procurement. The following is in response to the above stated OIG Audit Report.

In accordance with the Inspector General's first recommendation, Job Corps will update the Compendium as indicated.

In response to the second recommendation, Job Corps is in the process of transferring contracting authority from the Job Corps Regional Directors to the OASAM Contracting Officers, therefore, the second recommendation is no longer applicable. However, Job Corps has scheduled training for the OASAM Contracting Officers and will strongly emphasize these items.

Thank you again for the time you and your staff took to review the Boston Regional Office procurement process for this contract. External reviews conducted by the OIG are constructive in providing Job Corps with information to improve program efficiency and effectiveness.