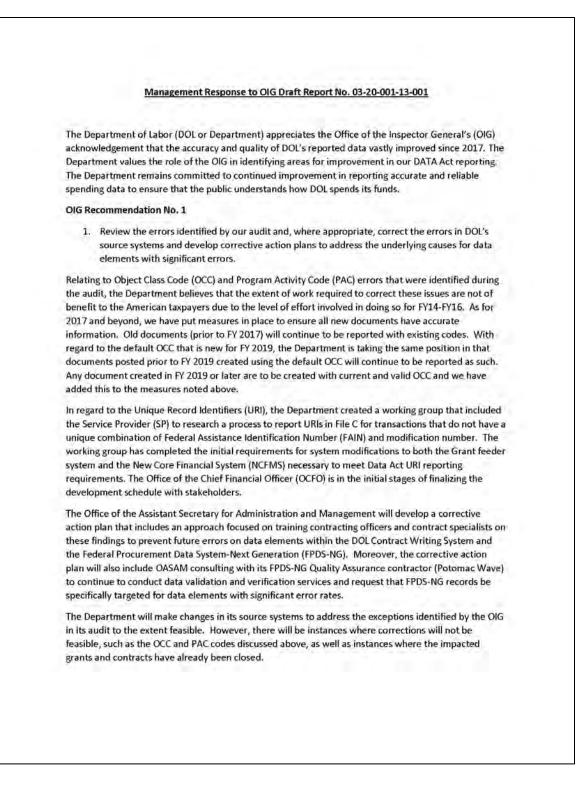
APPENDIX B: AGENCY'S RESPONSE TO THE REPORT

U.S. Department of Labor	Office of the Chief Financial Officer Washington, D.C. 20210	
MEMORANDUM FOR:	ELLIOT P. LEWIS Assistant Inspector General for Audit	
FROM:	JAMES WILLIAMS	
SUBJECT:	Draft Report Number: 03-20-001-13-001: "DAT Reported Data Generally Met Quality Standards Issues Remain"	
Act: DOL's Reported Data We appreciate the opportun	nagement's response to Draft Report No, 03-20-00 Generally Met Quality Standards but Accuracy Issu ity to provide input and look forward to continued	ues Remain".
the OIG audit team. Please contact me if you ha	ve any questions.	
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OIG Recommendation No. 2

2. Issue guidance to ensure Contract Specialists accurately input the Period of Performance Start Date into the procurement system's Effective Date field.

As stated in response to Recommendation No. 1, the implementation of training and enhancements to validation and verification services, will address data elements with significant error rates. This will highlight already established guidelines within the Federal Acquisition Regulation to ensure consistent and accurate reporting of the Period of Performance Start Date for contract actions.

In regards to the Period of Performance (POP) Start Date, it is important to note that modifications are executed to make a change or multiple changes within a contract action. When executing a modification to change the POP, it is required to explicitly cite this change within the modification language, the OIG sampling did not include an exception based on a POP change. Further, 20 out of the 25 modifications in the sampling are correctly recorded and were for incremental funding or exercising the option of the contract actions, these changes do not require editing the POP.

OIG Recommendation No. 3

Identify risks specific to DATA Act reporting and take appropriate action to ensure internal controls address the resulting areas of concern.

The Department considered the DATA Act requirements, previous audit results, and internal standard operating procedures (SOP) to assess the risks related to the reporting and implementation of the DATA Act. Internal controls and process improvements have been implemented in response to these risks. The various agencies within the Department detailed these internal controls and process improvements to the OIG audit team through process walkthroughs and sharing of procedural documentation. DOL will continue to monitor and ensure internal controls are in place to address areas of concern.