



# NEWSLETTER



## Monthly Snapshot



Issued **6**  
oversight  
products



Made **36**  
recommendations  
to the DoD



Executed **7**  
law enforcement  
actions



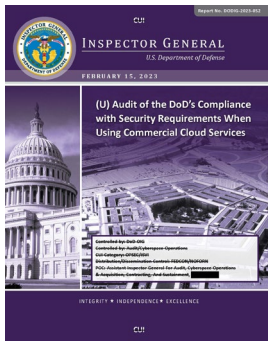
Received **1,882**  
contacts to the  
DoD Hotline

## OVERSIGHT HIGHLIGHTS

This newsletter summarizes the oversight activities of the DoD Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the previous month. Below are a few highlights from February.

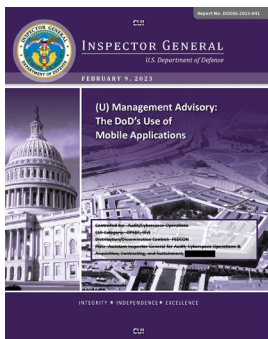
- **HASC Hearing.** On February 28, DoD Inspector General (IG) Robert Storch provided testimony before the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) for an oversight hearing of U.S. military support to Ukraine. In his testimony, and in his answers to questions from the members of the committee, IG Storch emphasized the many projects the DoD OIG has completed, ongoing, and planned to ensure proper use of U.S. taxpayer dollars for security assistance to Ukraine, and provided further details on the Ukraine Oversight Interagency Working Group's whole-of-government approach to ensure comprehensive oversight of all U.S. assistance to Ukraine.
- **Congressional Briefings.** Over the month of February, IG Storch met with a number of Members of Congress, including the Chairs and Ranking Members of the HASC and House Committee on Oversight and Accountability (HCOA) to introduce himself and the work the DoD OIG is conducting. Further briefings with the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) and the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (HSGAC) are planned for the coming weeks.

# RECENTLY ISSUED



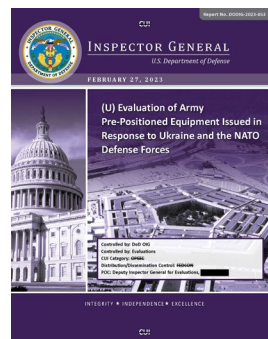
## Audit of the DoD's Compliance with Security Requirements When Using Commercial Cloud Services

This audit determined that the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps used three commercial cloud service offerings that were Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FEDRAMP) and DoD authorized, and at the appropriate DoD impact level for the systems reviewed. However, the authorizing officials did not review all required documentation to consider the commercial cloud service offerings' risks to their systems when granting and reassessing authorizations to operate on a periodic basis thereafter.



## Management Advisory: The DoD's Use of Mobile Applications

This advisory determined that DoD personnel are conducting official business on their DoD mobile devices using mobile applications in violation of Federal and DoD electronic messaging and records retention policies. Additionally, DoD personnel are downloading mobile applications to their DoD mobile devices that could pose operational and cybersecurity risks to DoD information and information systems.



## Evaluation of Army Pre-Positioned Equipment Issued in Response to Ukraine and the NATO Defense Forces

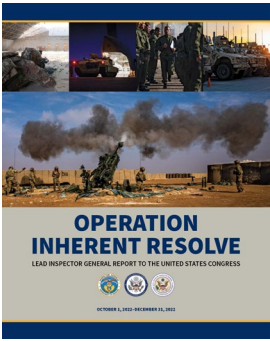
This evaluation determined that the 405th Army Field Support Brigade (405 AFSB) quickly issued equipment from APS-2 (a storage area in Europe) to the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team. However, some equipment issued from APS-2 was non-Fully Mission Capable, and we found that the 405 AFSB can improve its equipment maintenance and coordination processes.



## Evaluation of the DoD's Interferometry Upgrades and Compliance with DoD Policy Requirements for Mitigating Supply Chain Risks and Foreign Influence

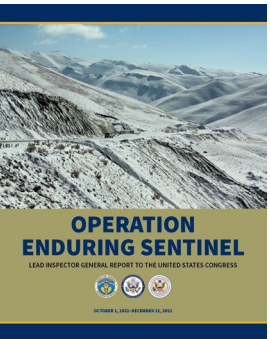
The report is classified. To file a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, please submit a request to FOIA Online.

## RECENTLY ISSUED (CONT'D)



### Lead Inspector General for Operation Inherent Resolve Quarterly Report to Congress for October 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

This report summarizes the quarter's key events relating to Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR), the overseas contingency operation to advise, assist, and enable local partner forces until they can independently defeat ISIS in designated areas of Iraq and Syria. Additionally, this report describes completed, ongoing, and planned Lead Inspector General and partner agency oversight work related to OIR.



### Lead Inspector General for Operation Enduring Sentinel Quarterly Report to Congress for October 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

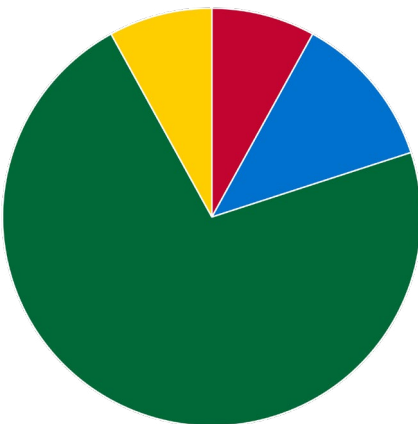
This report summarizes significant events involving Operation Enduring Sentinel (OES) and describes completed, ongoing, and planned Lead Inspector General (Lead IG) and partner agency oversight work. During the quarter that is the focus of this report, the Lead IG agencies issued three oversight reports, three audits, and one management advisory related to OES.



### Management Advisory: DoD Agreements for the Industry Connections Initiative

This report contains controlled unclassified information. To file a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request, please submit a request to FOIA Online.

## UKRAINE-RELATED OVERSIGHT.....



The DoD OIG continues to prioritize Ukraine-related oversight. Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the DoD OIG produced the following related to Ukraine:

- 2 reports
- 3 management advisories
- 18 ongoing projects
- 2 planned projects

Get the latest on our planned, ongoing, and completed work related to Ukraine and our ongoing coordination with the State and USAID OIGs at [www.dodig.mil/Ukraine](http://www.dodig.mil/Ukraine).

# INVESTIGATIONS

The Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS) investigates criminal matters related to DoD programs and operations. Below are examples of cases DCIS investigated jointly with its Federal law enforcement partners. Indictments and Criminal Informations are only allegations. *All persons charged are presumed to be innocent unless and until found guilty in court.*



## Former Assistant Chief of Staff of the U.S. Navy's Seventh Fleet Sentenced to 30 Months in Prison in Massive Corruption Scandal

On February 23, 2023, U.S. Navy Captain (Retired) Jesus Vasquez Cantu was sentenced to 30 months in prison by a Federal district judge in San Diego on charges that he received lavish bribes from foreign defense contractor Leonard Francis, who plied him with luxurious hotel stays, travel, and prostitutes. Cantu was also ordered to pay a criminal fine of \$75,000 and restitution to the U.S. Navy in the amount of \$100,000.

## Insulation Contracting Firm Co-Owner Sentenced to 15 Months in Prison and Ordered to Pay More Than \$1 Million to Victims of Bid Rigging and Fraud

On February 14, 2023, Michael S. Flynn was sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment and restitution of \$1,062,155 for his participation in bid rigging and fraud schemes targeting public and private entities in Connecticut. According to the guilty plea, Flynn conspired with other insulation contractors to rig bids and engage in fraud on contracts for installing insulation around pipes and ducts on construction projects at universities, hospitals, DoD installations, and other public and private entities in Connecticut.

## Four Florida Men Arrested in Plot to Kill Haitian President, Grand Jury Returns Indictment Against 11

On February 14, 2023, U.S. Federal law enforcement arrested two U.S. citizens and a legal permanent resident living in South Florida and one U.S. citizen living in Tampa pursuant to criminal complaints on charges relating to their participation in the events leading to the July 7, 2021 assassination of President Jovenel Mo'ise of Haiti.

## Information Technology Company Owner and Former NSA Contractor Convicted After Month-Long Trial for Submitting False Claims for Hours Worked on a Government Contract

On February 15, 2023, a Federal jury convicted Jacky Lynn McComber on charges of submitting false claims and making false statements in connection with the hours she claimed to have worked on a Federal contract with the National Security Agency (NSA). McComber was the CEO and owner of Info TeK, an information technology services corporation which had an ongoing contract with the NSA. McComber faces a maximum sentence of 5 years in Federal prison for each of the 19 counts of submitting false claims and for 1 count of making false statements.

# ANNOUNCED PROJECTS

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Project Announcements are listed in chronological order. An asterisk denotes a project related to Ukraine oversight.

## Evaluation of Logistics Nodes' Effectiveness to Support Operations in the USINDOPACOM Area of Responsibility

The objective of this evaluation is to determine whether the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM) maintains the capability to rapidly scale, stock, staff, and prepare logistics nodes in response to or in support of current or future operations.

## Evaluation of the Control and Accountability of DoD Biometric Data Collection Technologies

The objective of this evaluation is to determine the extent to which the DoD has ensured adequate control and accountability over technologies used to collect, store, and transmit biometric data to higher-level databases in overseas contingency operations.

## Audit of the DoD Plans to Address Long-Standing Issues with Outdated Financial Management Systems

The objective of this audit is to determine the completeness and accuracy of the DoD list of systems that are relevant to the internal controls over financial reporting and assess the DoD's plans to replace non-compliant financial management systems with systems that meet the requirements of the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996.

## Audit of DoD Maintenance Operations for Military Equipment Provided to Ukraine\*

The objective of this audit is to determine whether the DoD is efficiently and effectively providing maintenance support for U.S. weapon systems and equipment provided for Ukraine operations.

## Evaluation of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Policies and Practices for U.S. Troops Assigned to NATO-led Organizations

The objective of this evaluation is to determine the extent to which the DoD and the Military Services implemented the NATO Policy on Preventing and Responding to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse for U.S. Service members and DoD personnel serving in NATO organizations. This includes implementing strategies for vetting personnel, identifying risk factors, and developing mitigation strategies for those risks.

## Evaluation of the Security Assistance Group-Ukraine's Sustainment Strategies for Selected Weapon Systems Transferred to the Government of Ukraine\*

The objective of this evaluation is to determine the extent to which the Security Assistance Group-Ukraine is developing and implementing sustainment strategies to support selected U.S. weapons systems transferred to the Government of Ukraine.

## ANNOUNCED PROJECTS (CONT'D)

### Evaluation of DoD Efforts to Mitigate Foreign Influence When Foreign Investors Acquire Land or Property in Close Proximity to U.S. Military Facilities

The objective of this evaluation is to determine the extent to which the DoD has developed plans, processes, and procedures to mitigate foreign influence when foreign investors acquire land or property in close proximity to U.S. military facilities.

### Audit of Munitions Storage in the U.S. Central Command

The objective of this audit is to determine whether the DoD stores and secures munitions in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility in accordance with applicable safety and security policies.

### Evaluation of the DoD Military Information Support Operations Workforce

The objective of this evaluation is to determine the extent to which the DoD and Military Services have recruited, trained, and retained military and civilian military information support operations personnel.

### Audit of the DoD Award and Administration of Noncompetitively Awarded Contracts in Support of Ukraine\*

The objective of this audit is to determine whether DoD contracting officials properly awarded and administered noncompetitively awarded contracts in support of the Ukraine response, according to Federal and DoD Regulations.

### Evaluation of the Transition Effort Between the U.S. European Command and U.S. Central Command for Israel Oversight

The objective of this evaluation is to determine whether the U.S. European Command (USEUCOM) and U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) are planning, coordinating, and conducting tasks and activities to transition responsibilities for operations with Israel from USEUCOM to USCENTCOM.