Overview of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act)

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) was signed into law by President Obama on February 17th, 2009. The Act included measures to modernize our nation's infrastructure.

Implementing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act)

The GSA OIG implemented the provisions of the Recovery Act to the full extent of its capabilities. Additional auditors, investigators, and subject experts were brought on board to review activities arising from the funds assigned to GSA. The GSA OIG has provided comprehensive oversight of the stimulus funds, including streamlined, up-front reviews, while maintaining its core activities.

Core oversight activities included internal audits that evaluate GSA functions and programs for economy, efficiency, and effectiveness; contract audits of proposals for multiple award schedule contracts as well as high value contract modifications and claims under construction contracts; and investigations of criminal activities that impact GSA programs.

Training

DOJ - GSA OIG Joint Recovery Act Fraud Awareness Briefing

The GSA Office of Inspector General and the Department of Justice teamed up to provide GSA Associates a fraud awareness briefing. DOJ's presentation "The Recovery Act: Understanding, Detecting, and Reporting Antitrust Violations" focused on the Sherman Act and the M.A.P.S. (Market, Application, Patterns, and Suspicious Behavior) tool for detecting collusion. The GSA Office of Inspector General's presentation, "Fraud, Waste and Abuse in the Recovery Act" focuses on how to detect and report various contract fraud indicators such as product substitution, bribery, false claims, etc.

PowerPoint presentations can be accessed on the links below.

The Recovery Act: Understanding, Detecting & Reporting Antitrust Violations
Recovery Act Fraud Awareness Presentation
Construction Claims in the ARRA Environment

The Construction Contract Review Course discusses key contract clauses and the types of construction claims or proposals.

[Construction Contract Review Course]
Using Advanced Computer Technology to Identify and Investigate Recovery Act Fraud

Course Description:
Fight Recovery Act fraud with the latest in forensic auditing techniques. Examine methods that have proven to be of value in identifying and investigating fraud. You'll learn how to analyze transaction data in a variety of formats to identify irregularities and potential fraud. Hands-on case studies will be used to apply forensic techniques to real databases. Attendees will work with others to develop hypotheses and test them in a controlled experiment. You'll also test potential controls to determine whether they can prevent or detect fraud. You'll be encouraged to extend your learning experiences to your own workplace.

Presenter:
Dr. Conan C. Albrecht, Assistant Professor and Rollins Fellow at the Marriott School of Management at Brigham Young University. His current research interests include computer-related fraud detection, collaborative computing, peer to peer architectures, and network programming.

Target Audience:

Dates:
November 17 and 18, 2009.
GSA-OIG: Fraud, Waste and Abuse in the Recovery Act

by John Terzaken, Assistant Chief, US Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, National Criminal Enforcement Section.

The Recovery Act: Understanding, Detecting & Reporting Antitrust Violations

by Geoffrey Cherrington, Assistant IG for Investigations

Other Links

- FAR Contractor Reporting Form
- Hotline Form
- GSA Recovery Website