External Peer Review Report

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This required external peer review was conducted in accordance with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) Inspection and Evaluation Committee guidance as contained in the CIGIE Guide for Conducting Peer Reviews of Inspection and Evaluation Organizations of Federal Offices of Inspector General. The peer review was conducted from August 14, 2018 through December 4, 2018.

The CIGIE External Peer Review Team (Review Team) assessed the extent to which the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), Office of Inspector General (OIG) met the seven Blue Book standards tested, specifically: Quality Control; Planning; Data Collections and Analysis; Evidence; Records Maintenance; Reporting; and Follow-up. This assessment included a review of the CPB OIG’s internal policies and procedures as of February 2018, implementing the seven required CIGIE Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation (Blue Book), January 2012. It also included a review of selected inspection and evaluation reports issued between July 1, 2017, and June 30, 2018, to determine whether the reports complied with the covered Blue Book standards and the CPB OIG’s internal policies and procedures.

The Review Team determined that the CPB OIG’s policies and procedures generally met the seven Blue Book standards addressed in the external peer review. The two reports reviewed both generally met the Blue Book standards and complied with CPB OIG’s internal policies and procedures.

We have enclosed a Letter of Comment, dated December 4, 2018 (Enclosure 2), that sets forth specific findings, recommendations, observations, suggestions, and best practices identified during the peer review. The CPB OIG’s management officials provided a response to our Draft External Peer Review Report and our Draft Letter of Comment (Enclosures 1 and 3). CPB OIG disagreed with our suggestion contained in the Letter Comment.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
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Acting Inspector General

Enclosures
As stated
November 20, 2018

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Dear Mr. Vint:

We have reviewed the draft peer review report and agree with your overall conclusions that our policies and procedures generally met the seven standards addressed in the external peer review - Quality Control, Planning, Data Collection and Analysis, Evidence, Records Maintenance, Reporting, and Follow-up. We also agree that the two reports reviewed generally met the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation and complied with the Corporation for Public Broadcasting Office of Inspector General’s internal policies and procedures.

We also reviewed your letter of comments and provided a separate response to your observation.

I would like to thank you and the peer review team for your professionalism in conducting the peer review. Mr. Scott and Ms. Johnston conducted their work in an efficient and effective manner. We sincerely appreciate their efforts.

Sincerely,

Mary Mitchelson
Inspector General