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Oversight Reviews of DHS Immigration Enforcement Programs and Operations

The mission of the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General (DHS OIG) is to provide objective, independent oversight of DHS programs and operations and to promote excellence, integrity, and accountability within DHS. Through our oversight, we help improve DHS's performance, as well as strengthen the public's trust.

Our current body of work, informed by a risk-based approach, includes several reviews¹ related to immigration enforcement, which are listed below. We recognize the importance of these reviews to provide valuable insight to DHS leadership and Congress, as well as to the public. These reviews are being conducted as expeditiously as possible while ensuring we apply rigor and uphold our professional standards.

The timeline for completing any oversight review is affected by several variables—including the scope and complexity of the project, access to information, and resource availability—therefore we cannot provide a specific date of completion. If, however, during our work we find matters that warrant immediate attention and action (such as those posing serious risk or imminent threat to safety, health, property, or continuity of operations), DHS OIG has mechanisms to promptly inform the Department and Congress, rather than waiting for a final report.

¹ Reviews include audits, inspections, and evaluations. These oversight projects are distinct from criminal investigations, the existence of which OIG does not publicly confirm or deny.

Ongoing DHS OIG Projects Related to Immigration Enforcement

ICE's Hiring and Training Program: Our objective is to determine the extent to which U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) can surge its hiring and training efforts to meet operational needs.

ICE's Oversight of the 287(g) Program: Our objective is to determine to what extent ICE ensures law enforcement agencies participating in the 287(g) program conduct immigration enforcement efforts in accordance with program requirements.

ICE's Use of Expedited Removal Authority: Our objective is to determine to what extent ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations uses expedited removal for inadmissible and removable aliens in accordance with Federal law and DHS policies and procedures.

CBP's Interior Immigration Enforcement: Our objective is to determine whether CBP conducts interior immigration enforcement in accordance with Federal requirements and Department policies and guidance.

ICE's Processes for Investigating and Addressing Allegations of Excessive Force: Our objective is to determine whether ICE investigates allegations of use of excessive force and holds personnel accountable in accordance with applicable Federal laws, DHS policies, and ICE directives.

Processes that DHS Law Enforcement Personnel Follow to Prevent the Arrest of U.S. Citizens During Immigration Enforcement Operations: Our objective is to assess DHS' processes for determining U.S. citizenship for individuals detained or arrested during immigration enforcement operations.

Unannounced Inspections of ICE Detention Facilities: DHS OIG is conducting unannounced inspections to assess compliance with ICE detention standards and ensure safe, secure, and humane conditions of confinement.

DHS's Management and Security of Biometrics and Personally Identifiable Information (PII): Our objective is to determine how DHS and its components collect or obtain PII and biometric data related to immigration enforcement efforts and the extent to which that data is managed, shared, and secured in accordance with law, regulation, and Departmental policy.

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