

Section IV

Management Section (Unaudited)

Overview

Each year, the Department identifies existing and potential management challenges, weaknesses, and areas in need of improvement. Two primary sources used to identify these issues are the Department's OIG-identified Top Management and Performance Challenges and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA) assessment process. The challenges identified by the Department's OIG are from an auditor's perspective and include areas of concern that bear significantly on how well the Department carries out its mission and meets its responsibilities as a steward of public funds. The FMFIA assessment process evaluates the effectiveness of internal controls to support effective and efficient programmatic operations and compliance with applicable laws and regulations (FMFIA § 2) and whether financial management systems conform to government-wide requirements (FMFIA § 4).

Presented on the following pages are the OIG-identified Top Management and Performance Challenges in the Department, Department management's response to those challenges, and the corrective action plans resulting from the FMFIA assessment.

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