Closure Recommendation Memorandum

Case Number: 19-0258-C  Date of Entry: 09/18/2020

Primary Investigator: (b)(3)

Allegation Information

Narrative:

The OIG received several allegations regarding billing and time charging practices. The alleged actions potentially violate 18 USC 287 - FALSE, FICTITIOUS OR FRAUDULENT CLAIMS.

Last Investigative Step:

Add Information

Resolution:

Unsubstantiated

Case Closure Recommendation Justification

Additional Information:

Complainant identified three main areas of concern,

1. finance employees changing numbers supporting budget projections,
2. numerous employees charging the wrong CLIN or Task Order (TO), and
3. CLIN identified in the purchasing portion of the SAP system does not match the CLIN it was billed to.

Based on the information and documents provided by Complainant:

1. The finance employees changing numbers involve estimates/budget projections and, per Complainant, the government is aware there are issues with projections and therefore, has no faith in the budget estimates.
2. Complainant stated that employees don’t know what code they are supposed to charge. Management is aware and Complainant is involved in rectifying internal system controls to prevent much of this.
3. Complainant stated that CLINs identified in purchase approval don’t match the CLIN billed. Complainant stated that management is aware and another employee is rectifying the issue.

Based on the documentation and Complainant’s explanation, there does not appear to be a false claim. The issues identified are either estimates or a lack of due diligence in recording to the proper charge codes, both of which management is aware of and correcting. No OIG matter. Close case.