



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Unique Morris-Hughes
Director, Department of Employment Services

From: Matthew Wilcoxson
Interim Inspector General *Matthew Wilcoxson*

Date: October 6, 2026

Subject: **Evaluation of DOES Division of State Initiatives | OIG No. 26-E-02-CF0**

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is initiating an evaluation of the Department of Employment Services' (DOES) workforce development programs administered by its Division of State Initiatives (DSI). We are conducting this evaluation based on an internal referral and its alignment with areas identified on OIG's [FY 2027 High-Risk List](#).

For the period beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2026, we will evaluate:

1. DSI's administration and oversight of its workforce development programs; and
2. the programs' effectiveness in generating long-term employment outcomes.

This evaluation will be conducted under project number 26-E-02-CF0. We will perform this evaluation in accordance with the [Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation](#), issued by the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. In addition to the stated objectives of this engagement, we will evaluate the design, implementation, and operation of internal controls using the [Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government](#), issued by the US Government Accountability Office.

Tom Belli, Supervisory Management and Program Analyst, will coordinate an entrance conference to discuss the evaluation process and answer any questions. Meanwhile, please direct any immediate questions or concerns to me or Mr. Belli at 202-727-9458.