

OIG Recovery Act Plan Overview

OIG Name:	SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OIG Broad Recovery Act Goals:	The overall objectives of the IG's oversight of the Recovery Act funds are to (1) ensure timely and effective implementation of stimulus related activities, (2) ensure that proper internal control procedures are established and maintained, and (3) investigate any concerns raised by the public about specific investments using funds made available by the Recovery Act. Specifically, we will conduct audits, evaluations, special projects, and investigations to provide independent, transparent, accountable, and timely oversight of SSA's awarding, disbursing, and monitoring of Recovery Act funds to determine whether safeguards exist for funds to be used for their intended purposes
OIG Broad Outreach Recovery Act Goals:	Coordinate the efforts of the Inspector General community to ensure consistency in the application of the Recovery Act's whistleblower provisions across the government.
OIG Recovery Act Risk Assessment Process:	As SSA prepares its Recovery Act plans, the OIG is taking a number of actions to alert managers of risks, and recommending cost effective controls to prevent fraud, waste, or abuse in the disbursing, awarding, and monitoring of Recovery Act funds. As our auditors identify risks, they will alert Agency managers of ways to mitigate these risks. To complete our risk assessment, we looked at the 4 areas for which SSA received funding, and we determined we had staff available to complete reviews in all 4 areas, contracting in the areas where additional technical expertise is needed (new data center reviews). The review of SSA's efforts to administer the \$250 stimulus payments is already underway and will be completed in FY 2010. Some activities will require work for longer time periods. We expect that our reviews of the data center will continue until the new data center is completed, even if that should extend beyond 2012.
OIG Recovery Act Funds:	\$2,000,000
Expiration Date of OIG Recovery Act Funds:	2012
FY 2009 OIG Non-Recovery Act Funds:	\$98,127,000
Number of OIG Planned Recovery Act Hires:	None
OIG Recovery Act Funds to be Allocated to Contracts:	Yes
Purpose of Recovery Act Contracts:	To assess whether SSA followed best practices (in regards to site selection, building plan development, construction, IT procurement, and data center operations) in making its decisions related to the proposed new data center; and to evaluate the SSA process for selecting the replacement strategy for its National Computer Center and independently evaluate SSA's efforts towards implementing its strategy. SSA's decision making process will be evaluated to ensure that the selected replacement strategy is cost-effective and efficient; and provides reasonable assurance that the Agency will have a data center with the required design specifications, in the appropriate location, with the required capacity, and that will be operational in the required timeframe.
Types of Recovery Act Contracts Awarded to Date:	None
Link to OIG FY 2009 Recovery Act Work Plan:	http://www.socialsecurity.gov/oig/recovery/workplan.pdf

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SSA	National Computer Center Replacement	\$500,000,000	Performance	OIG Staff	Quick Response Evaluation: The Social Security Administration's Ability to Address Future Processing Requirements	Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), Social Security Administration (SSA) received \$500 million designated for the replacement of SSA's National Computer Center (NCC).	To assess the SSA's efforts to address future processing needs and infrastructure issues at the NCC. Specifically, we assessed the Agency's actions to address significant issues identified in Lockheed Martin's NCC Feasibility Study.	Q1, FY09	Issued March 09	1
SSA	National Computer Center Replacement	\$500,000,000	Performance	Contractor	SSA's NCC Replacement Strategy	Under the ARRA, SSA received \$500 million designated for the replacement of SSA's NCC.	To gain an understanding of SSA's data center requirements, compare SSA's alternatives, determine if other alternatives exist, provide reasonable assurance as to whether SSA's selected replacement strategy is cost-effective, efficient, likely to result in a facility in the appropriate location, with the required capacity, operational in the required timeframe, and with an appropriate useful life.	Q4, FY 09	Q1, FY 10	1
SSA	National Computer Center Replacement	\$500,000,000	Performance	OIG Staff	Congressional Response Report: The Social Security Administration's Information Technology Strategic Planning	Under the ARRA, SSA received \$500 million designated for the replacement of SSA's NCC.	To review the SSA's plan to address its processing requirements 5 to 20 years in the future and what actions SSA has taken to meet those requirements.	Q2, FY 09	Q3, FY 09	1
SSA	National Computer Center Replacement	\$500,000,000	Performance	OIG Staff	Quick Response Evaluation: The Social Security Administration's Disaster Recovery Process (Limited Distribution)	Under the ARRA, SSA received \$500 million designated for the replacement of SSA's NCC.	To (1) document the SSA's current disaster recovery plan and how this plan will change once the second site is available; and (2) determine the extent of services available to the public in the event of a disaster under different situations.	Q2, FY 09	Q3, FY 09	1
SSA	National Computer Center Replacement	\$500,000,000	Performance	Contractor	SSA's Use of Data Center Industry Best Practices in its NCC Replacement Strategy	Under the ARRA, SSA received \$500 million designated for the replacement of SSA's NCC.	To assess whether the SSA followed best practices (in regards to site selection, building plan development, construction, IT procurement, and data center operations) in making its decisions related to the proposed new data center.	Q4, FY 09	Q1, FY 10	1
SSA	National Computer Center Replacement	\$500,000,000	Performance	OIG Staff	SSA's Implementation of Lockheed Martin's NCC Recommendations	Under the ARRA, SSA received \$500 million designated for the replacement of SSA's NCC.	To provide status of SSA's implementation of the significant projects identified by Lockheed Martin in its NCC Feasibility study.	Q4, FY 09	Q1, FY 10	1
SSA	Disability and Retirement Programs	\$500,000,000	Administrative/ Financial	OIG Staff	Quick Response Evaluation: Impact of State Employee Furloughs on the Social Security Administration's Disability Programs	Under the ARRA, SSA received \$500 million designated for processing disability and retirement workloads and information technology acquisitions and research in support of these workloads.	To assess the impact of State employee furloughs on the Social Security Administration's disability programs.	Q2, FY 09	Issued March 09	1
SSA	Disability and Retirement Programs	\$500,000,000	Performance	OIG Staff	Quick Response Evaluation: Planned Hiring by the Office of Operations under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act	Under the ARRA, SSA received \$500 million designated for processing disability and retirement workloads and information technology acquisitions and research in support of these workloads.	To assess staffing plans for the Office of Operations associated with funds provided under the ARRA.	Q2, FY 09	Q3, FY 09	1

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SSA	Disability and Retirement Programs	\$500,000,000	Performance	OIG Staff	Quick Response Evaluation: The Recovery Act and the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review's Operations	Under the ARRA, SSA received \$500 million designated for processing disability and retirement workloads and information technology acquisitions and research in support of these workloads.	To assess the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review's staffing plans associated with funds provided under the ARRA.	Q2, FY 09	Q3, FY 09	1
SSA	Disability and Retirement Programs	\$500,000,000	Performance	OIG Staff	Quick Response Evaluation: Funding for Health Information Technology Under the ARRA	Under the ARRA, SSA received \$500 million designated for processing disability and retirement workloads and information technology acquisitions and research in support of these workloads.	To evaluate the SSA's plans for the funds earmarked for health information technology (HIT) under the ARRA.	Q2, FY 09	Q3, FY 09	1
SSA	Disability and Retirement Programs	\$500,000,000	Performance	OIG Staff	Quick Response Evaluation: Deployment of New Hires by the Office of Operations under the ARRA	Under the ARRA, SSA received \$500 million designated for processing disability and retirement workloads and information technology acquisitions and research in support of these workloads.	To assess the deployment of new hires by the Office of Operations associated with funds provided under the ARRA.	Q4, FY 09	Q1, FY 10	1
SSA	Disability and Retirement Programs	\$500,000,000	Performance	OIG Staff	Quick Response Evaluation: Deployment of New Hires by the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review under the ARRA	Under the Act, SSA received \$500 million designated for processing disability and retirement workloads and information technology acquisitions and research in support of these workloads.	To assess the deployment of new hires by the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review (ODAR) associated with funds provided under the ARRA.	Q4, FY 09	Q1, FY 10	1
SSA	Disability and Retirement Programs	\$500,000,000	Performance	OIG Staff	Quick Response Evaluation: Deployment of New Hires by the State Disability Determination Services under the ARRA	Under the Act, SSA received \$500 million designated for processing disability and retirement workloads and information technology acquisitions and research in support of these workloads.	To assess the deployment of new hires by the State Disability Determination Services associated with funds provided under the ARRA.	Q4, FY 09	Q1, FY 10	1
SSA	Reimbursement for administrative costs related to \$250 One-Time Payment to Social Security and Supplemental Security Income Recipients	\$90,000,000	Eligibility	OIG Staff	Quick Response Evaluation: Economic Recovery Payments for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income Beneficiaries	Under the ARRA, SSA received \$90 million as reimbursement for its costs of processing a one-time payment of \$250 to millions of qualified individuals receiving Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits.	To assess the SSA's controls and procedures for administering payments under the ARRA.	Q2, FY 09	Issued May 09	1
SSA	Reimbursement for administrative costs related to \$250 One-Time Payment to Social Security and Supplemental Security Income Recipients	\$90,000,000	Administrative/Financial	OIG Staff	Quick Response Evaluation: Administrative Expenses Incurred to Provide Economic Recovery Payments	Under the ARRA, SSA received \$90 million as reimbursement for its costs of processing a one-time payment of \$250 to millions of qualified individuals receiving Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits.	To evaluate the SSA'S process to identify and report costs incurred to administer Economic Recovery Payments authorized as part of the ARRA.	Q2, FY 09	Q3, FY 09	1

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SSA	Reimbursement for administrative costs related to \$250 One-Time Payment to Social Security and Supplemental Security Income Recipients	\$90,000,000	Administrative/ Financial	OIG Staff	Quick Response Evaluation: Double-Check Negotiations of Recovery Act Payments	Under the ARRA, SSA received \$90 million as reimbursement for its costs of processing a one-time payment of \$250 to millions of qualified individuals receiving Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits. However, those individuals eligible under multiple programs are limited to only one Economic Recovery Payment check of \$250.	To determine the effectiveness of SSA's controls in place to prevent the negotiating of multiple economic recovery payments.	Q4, FY 09	Q1, FY 10	1
SSA	Reimbursement for administrative costs related to \$250 One-Time Payment to Social Security and Supplemental Security Income Recipients	\$90,000,000	Administrative/ Financial	OIG Staff	Economic Recovery Payments For SSA and SSI Beneficiaries	Under the ARRA, SSA received \$90 million as reimbursement for its costs of processing a one-time payment of \$250 to millions of qualified individuals receiving Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits.	To determine whether SSA accurately disbursed the economic recovery payments to eligible beneficiaries under the ARRA.	Q4, FY 09	Q3, FY 10	1
SSA	ALL	\$1,090,000,000	Administrative/ Financial	OIG Staff	Office of Acquisition and Grants' (OAG) Staffing to Process ARRA acquisitions	Under the ARRA, SSA received \$1,090,000,000 to use for program and operational purposes.	To determine whether SSA's OAG has sufficient staffing to process the additional workload anticipated as a result of the ARRA.	Q3, FY 09	Q1, FY 10	1

Type of Reviews

Administrative/Financial Reviews - reviews of management administrative issues, management internal controls, or financial systems/processes

Eligibility Reviews - reviews to determine if eligibility requirements were met for a given program

Performance Reviews - reviews to determine the effectiveness of a given program

Other Reviews - reviews that do not fit within the above categories