

Report Summary

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Objective

To determine whether (1) the Social Security Administration (SSA) properly accounted for *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* (Recovery Act) funds, (2) SSA achieved its objective of requesting and receiving medical information through health information technology, (3) the contractor complied with the contract terms and applicable regulations, and (4) SSA personnel properly monitored the contract.

Background

In February 2010, SSA used Recovery Act funds, to award Lovelace Clinic Foundation (LCF) a fixed-price contract for about \$1.1 million to enable SSA to receive a standardized electronic request for medical records along with a patient's authorizations.

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Recovery Act Exchange Contract with Lovelace Clinic Foundation – Contract SS00-10-60030 (A-15-11-11157)

Our Findings

We determined that SSA properly accounted for Recovery Act funds related to this contract. In addition, we determined that the LCF contract was progressing; however, SSA stated LCF's progress was slower than planned, but it expected that LCF will successfully complete this contract. Specifically, we determined that LCF performed all tasks required by the contract and complied with the contract terms and applicable regulations for Milestone 1. Additionally, we verified there were 2.31 jobs created or retained for the third quarter of Calendar Year 2010, and LCF reported the jobs in a manner consistent with Office of Management and Budget guidance. Furthermore, we determined that SSA personnel were properly monitoring the contract.

Our Conclusions

We determined SSA properly accounted for Recovery Act funds related to this contract and was receiving medical information via health information technology. We also determined that LCF was performing all tasks required by the contract and complying with the contract terms and applicable regulations. However, SSA stated that LCF's progress was slower than expected; therefore, SSA modified this contract to extend LCF's period of performance from June 3, to November 2, 2011. In addition, as of the date of this report, SSA had paid LCF \$162,409 for completion of Milestone 1, which is 15 percent of the total contract price. Furthermore, we determined that SSA personnel were properly monitoring the contract.

SSA agreed with our conclusions.