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## Justice and Law Enforcement: Opportunities for Greater Cost Effectiveness in Public Law 480, Title I Food Purchases: Nsiad-84-69

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Bibliogov, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 246 x 189 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.GAO discussed opportunities to improve the effectiveness of subsidized food purchases by recipient, developing countries under the Public Law 480, title I program. Under the program, the Department of Agriculture s (USDA) Foreign Agricultural Service in fiscal year (FY) 1982 financed about \$722 million worth of purchases of agricultural commodities by developing countries. GAO examined 54 of the 86 purchases made in FY 1982 and found that opportunities exist to better control or reduce program costs. In 26 percent of the cases GAO reviewed, buyer purchasing practices were not conducive to achieving the full benefits of open competitive tendering or obtaining the lowest prices. Delays in signing title I agreements and overlapping of purchases with the title II program caused prices to rise. GAO found that the Foreign Agricultural Service is financing price premiums for individualized and nonstandard specifications when lower cost alternatives are available. GAO noted that the legal requirement that the United States receive a fair share of the increase in recipients commercial imports over time is not monitored or emphasized. Finally, GAO concluded that: (1)...



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