



## Background Investigations: Office of Personnel Management Needs to Improve Transparency of Its Pricing and Seek Cost Savings: Gao-12-197

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Bibliogov, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 246 x 189 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.OPM s reported costs to conduct background investigations increased by almost 79 percent, from about \$602 million in fiscal year 2005 to almost \$1.1 billion in fiscal ear 2011 (in fiscal year 2011 dollars). However, the extent to which OPM s cost data are reliable is unknown because an audit of OPM s revolving fund, which finances business-type operations, has not been conducted. Independent audits of OPM s overall financial management system, where revolving fund transactions are recorded, identified material weaknesses in internal controls, which could affect the reliability of these cost data. OPM s background investigation program has three principal cost drivers. The first cost driver is investigation fieldwork and support contracts, which represent nearly half of OPM s fiscal year 2011 reported costs- about \$532 million. These contracts allow OPM to assign an investigation to a contractor and buy clerical support for case-management. The second cost driver is personnel compensation and benefits for OPM s background investigation federal workforce, which represents about 25 percent of OPM s fiscal year 2011 reported costs-about \$265 million. The third...



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