

UNITED STATES OFFICE OF
GOVERNMENT ETHICS



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The Honorable James Lankford
Chairman
Subcommittee on Financial Services
and General Government
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
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The Honorable Christopher Coons
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Lankford and Ranking Member Coons:

This responds to your letter dated July 31, 2018, approving the U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) use of \$72,500 of its FY2017 unobligated balances to implement improvements to the *Integrity* electronic financial disclosure system. Your approval letter requested a report to the Subcommittee on use of the funds.

OGE is pleased to report that the five system improvements detailed in OGE's request have been implemented. Notably, these features were all ranked as priorities by the new *Integrity* Interagency Advisory Council (IAC). The IAC, composed of representatives from 16 agencies across the executive branch, recommend changes to improve *Integrity*'s functionality and efficiency based on feedback from filers, reviewers, and administrators.

The table below details the five improvements and estimated and actual cost of each improvement.

<i>Integrity</i> Executive Branchwide Electronic Public Financial Disclosure Filing System			
IMPROVEMENT	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED COST (rounded)	ACTUAL COST
Customization of audit trail display	Increases efficiency by enabling ethics official reviewers to more quickly identify the source of the last change on a filer's report.	\$23,000	\$28,128.12
Annotation of post-certified reports	Improves transparency by creating the ability for ethics official reviewers to annotate a filer's report with post-certification amendments.	\$4,500	\$7,405.28
Implementation of ability to filter by audit trail	Reduces inefficiencies by creating the ability for ethics official reviewers to more quickly identify changes on a filer's report.	\$23,000	\$11,107.92



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IMPROVEMENT	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED COST (rounded)	ACTUAL COST
Expand compare functionality	Enhances productivity by providing more flexibility in how reviewers can compare a filer's current report to prior versions.	\$11,000	\$3,702.64
Customization of display settings	Increases efficiency by providing ethics official reviewers with the ability to customize and save personalized display settings.	\$11,000	\$23,419.00
Total		\$72,500	\$73,762.96

OGE appreciates your approval of the request to fund these priority improvements to *Integrity*. If you require additional information or have any questions about this report, please contact me at (202) 482-9314 or Diana Veilleux, Chief, Legal, External Affairs and Performance Branch at (202) 482-9203.

Sincerely,

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