
Department of Agriculture (AGR)

Agency: 495

Audit Report: 2014 F

Finding Number: 001

Finding: The Department of Agriculture does not have adequate internal controls to ensure compliance with federal suspension and debarment requirements for the Food Distribution cluster.

Resolution: As of July 2015, the Department added federal suspension and debarment language to each contract. In addition, program staff checks the federal Excluded Parties List system prior to the contract execution date. The contractor verification documentation is being maintained in each contract file.

Staff requires each contractor to include suspension and debarment language in all lower tier agreements. This requirement is included in all lower tier agreement templates.

All Food Assistance program staff have received training and written instructions on federal suspension and debarment requirements.

Completion Date: July 2015, subject to audit follow-up

Agency Contact: Mark Johnson
Department of Agriculture
PO Box 42560
Olympia, WA 98504-2560
(360) 902-1986
mjohnson@agr.wa.gov

Status of Audit Resolution

December 2015

Department of Agriculture (AGR)

Agency: 495

Audit Report: 2014 F

Finding Number: 002

Finding: The Department of Agriculture does not have adequate internal controls to ensure reports required by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act for the Food Distribution Cluster are filed correctly.

Resolution: All Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) reportable amounts have been entered into the federal reporting system by the Food Assistance program staff.

The Department developed written reporting procedures that include a secondary review prior to submitting the reports. Applicable Food Assistance program staff have been trained on the new procedures. The program will submit all future FFATA reportable amounts within the established FFATA time frames.

Completion Date: June 2015, subject to audit follow-up

Agency Contact: Mark Johnson
Department of Agriculture
PO Box 42560
Olympia, WA 98504-2560
(360) 902-1986
mjohnson@agr.wa.gov