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Good afternoon, Liaisons. Please share the below with your staff who might be interested in the subject report.

CIGIE has released today its *Report on the Government Purchase Card Initiative*. You can download the entire report from https://www.ignet.gov/content/reports-publications, where it is linked under the **List by Year** tab for 2018. Alternatively, you can directly open the PDF file by clicking on the cover below.

The full report discusses many topics, including the scope and methodology, but the objective, approach, and recommendation are listed below.

Objective

The objective of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) purchase card initiative was to analyze and review Government purchase card data to determine the risks associated with purchase card transactions.

Approach

To accomplish this objective, 20 participating OIGs reviewed Federal agencies that processed over 1.8 million purchase card transactions totaling over $941 million from October 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017. The participating OIGs selected and then tested a random sample of 1,255 high-risk purchase card transactions of over $1.3 million to identify transactions that were potentially illegal, improper, or erroneous.

Recommendation

To strengthen monitoring and oversight of purchase cards, OMB should remind agencies of their responsibilities over purchase card activities as detailed in OMB Circular No. A-123. Specifically, agencies should take steps to improve controls such as training, policies and procedures, separation of duties, and supervisory reviews to mitigate risks from potentially illegal, improper, or erroneous transactions.

Regards,

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