

OFFICE OF PROGRAM EVALUATION AND RISK MANAGEMENT

The Office of Program Evaluation and Risk Management (OPERM) serves as the Department of Commerce's primary office for all issues relating to program evaluation and risk management. OPERM works collaboratively with Departmental offices and bureaus to develop and oversee objective evaluations of programs, processes, administrative functions, initiatives and other activities to identify opportunities to enhance efficiency and effectiveness. These evaluations will ensure consistency with objectives and goals established in the Department's strategic plan. OPERM oversees the Department's Enterprise Risk Management Program, using integrated and consistent policies and procedures for assessing and managing risk. OPERM advises Department leadership and bureau management on risks associated with all aspects of the design and operation of programs and activities and serves as a resource for information on best practices in risk management. In addition, OPERM serves as DoC's liaison for General Accountability Office (GAO) audits and oversees implementation of the Department's audit follow-up program for Inspector General Audits. The office also implements non-financial internal controls required by the Federal Manager's Financial Integrity Act. The project description that follows and the Department Organizational Order 20-30, detailing OPERM's responsibilities provide further information on the services provided.

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LIST OF ACCOUNTS

Program Evaluation and Risk Management	0300000	WCF
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WORKING CAPITAL FUND (WCF) PROJECTS

PROGRAM EVALUATION & RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT 0300000

Description of Service: This project provides independent Department-level program, project, and activity analysis and risk assessment services. This project works with offices and bureaus throughout the Department to improve program performance, organization and resource management. OPERM has primary responsibility for overseeing the Department's Enterprise Risk Management Program. Risks and best practices are identified to produce program efficiency and effectiveness, and foster a culture of analytically-based decisions in Department, portfolio, and program management. The services provided are designed to survey risk associated with vital Commerce programs and functions such as acquisition, construction, information technology, data collection, etc. OPERM works with bureaus and offices to increase their knowledge and understanding of risk, align organizational goals and objectives with associated risks, and assist in providing an efficient and effective means of managing risk.

Areas of concern are sometimes identified through OPERM's audit liaison role for GAO and IG audits. As such, OPERM assists in coordinating GAO activity involving Commerce, monitors the timely resolution and implementation of Inspector General Audits by bureau and Departmental program offices, and coordinates preparation of audit follow-up information for the DoC's *Performance and Accountability Report*.

Basis of Charge: Costs for these services are billed to offices and bureaus based on their share of the Department's FTE ceiling.