

**ETHICS PROGRAM REVIEW FOLLOW-UP REPORT**

Agency: U.S. AbilityOne Commission

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UNITED STATES OFFICE OF  
**GOVERNMENT ETHICS**  
Preventing Conflicts of Interest  
in the Executive Branch

As a result of its inspection of the U.S. AbilityOne Commission (Commission) ethics program, the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) issued ten recommendations in its September 2020 inspection report. OGE conducted its first follow-up review intermittently from January through March 2021 to assess whether the Commission had taken sufficient action to resolve the deficiencies underlying these recommendations. Follow-up fieldwork was conducted in January 2022 to gather additional, updated information regarding the public financial disclosure program. OGE was only able to close nine of the ten recommendations at that time. OGE conducted a second follow-up review in June 2022. The results of OGE's second follow-up review are summarized below.

	Recommendation	Agency Action and OGE Finding	Status
4	Review and certify all confidential reports filed in 2019 and 2020.	<p>During OGE's first follow-up review, OGE was not able to independently verify whether all confidential reports filed in 2019 and 2020 were reviewed and certified. However, the former DAEO confirmed that all confidential reports filed in 2020 were certified. Certification of the 2019 confidential reports was completed as part of the review of annual reports submitted in 2021.</p> <p>During the second follow-up review, OGE examined 18 confidential financial disclosure reports that were required to be filed in 2022 to help determine the Commission's ability to timely review and certify the filing of confidential reports.</p> <p>Of the 18 reports examined, 17 (94%) were submitted timely. Regarding certification, 61 percent of the reports examined were certified within the required 60-day timeframe. For those reports not certified within the required 60-day timeframe, late certification ranged from 2 days to 4 days beyond the applicable deadline.</p> <p>OGE reminds ethics officials that it remains essential that reports be reviewed and certified within 60 days of being filed to ensure that potential conflicts of interest are promptly identified and remedied.</p>	Closed

Based on the results of OGE's follow-up review, this recommendation is now closed.