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OBJECTIVE

Ascertain whether sole source and other than full and open competition contracts awarded were in compliance with the applicable policies and procedures.

BACKGROUND

Sole source contract awards are made when there is only one known or acceptable source for the goods or services.

CONCLUSION

The number of contracts awarded as either sole source or without full and open competition declined substantially from October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013, when compared to the prior 12-month period.



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CONCLUSION CONTINUED

- The number of sole source contract awards declined from 91 to 28 when compared to the prior period.
- No exceptions were noted for 18 of the 28 contracts reviewed.
- 8 of the 10 exceptions were for proprietary software or equipment.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Three recommendations were made to enhance understanding and control over the development and approval processes for sole source justifications for proprietary equipment and software.