Management Assurances

Federal Managers’ Financial Integrity Act of 1982 (FMFIA)
FMFIA requires that agencies establish internal control and financial systems that provide reasonable assurance that the integrity of Federal programs and operations is protected. It requires that the head of the agency provide an annual assurance statement whether the agency has met this requirement.

Appendix A of OMB Circular A-123 provides specific requirements for conducting management’s assessment of internal control over financial reporting, and also requires the agency head to provide an assurance statement on the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting.

Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996 (FFMIA)
FFMIA requires that agencies implement and maintain financial management systems that comply substantially with the Federal financial management system requirements, applicable Federal accounting standards, and the United States Government Standard General Ledger at the transaction level. The agency head is to make an annual determination whether the financial systems substantially comply with FFMIA.

Federal Managers’ Financial Integrity Act

The Department of Labor’s management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control and financial management systems that meet the objectives of the Federal Managers’ Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA). DOL conducted its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over the efficiency and effectiveness of operations and compliance with applicable laws and regulations in accordance with OMB Circular A-123, Management’s Responsibility for Internal Control. Based on the results of this evaluation, DOL can provide reasonable assurance that its internal control over the effectiveness and efficiency of operations and compliance with applicable laws and regulations as of September 30, 2008, was operating effectively and no material weaknesses were found in the design or operation of the internal controls. DOL is also in conformance with Section 4 of FMFIA.

In addition, DOL conducted its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, which includes safeguarding of assets and compliance with applicable laws and regulations, in accordance with the requirements of Appendix A of OMB Circular A-123. Based on the results of this evaluation, DOL can provide reasonable assurance that its internal control over financial reporting as of June 30, 2008, was operating effectively and no material weaknesses were found in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting.

Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996

The Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996 (FFMIA) requires agencies to implement and maintain financial management systems that are substantially in compliance with Federal financial management systems requirements, Federal accounting standards, and the United States Government Standard General Ledger at the transaction level. All Department of Labor financial management systems substantially comply with FFMIA as of September 30, 2008.

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