



April 24, 2017

Mr. Joe Archer, President
Government Employees AFGE AFL-CIO Local 2010
1028 Emily's Walk Lane East
Jacksonville, FL 32221

Case Number: 410-6009710
LM Number: 502169

Dear Mr. Archer:

This office has recently completed an audit of Government Employees AFGE AFL-CIO Local 2010 under the Compliance Audit Program (CAP) to determine your organization's compliance with the provisions of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 (CSRA), 5 U.S.C. 7120, and the Department's regulations, 29 CFR 458. As discussed during the exit interview with you, Treasurer Cathey Richards, Vice President Gil Pastrana, Secretary Diane Wilson, and Unit Vice President Stephanie Traylor on April 12, 2017, the following problems were disclosed during the CAP. The matters listed below are not an exhaustive list of all possible problem areas since the audit conducted was limited in scope.

Recordkeeping Violations

Title II of the LMRDA establishes certain reporting and recordkeeping requirements. Section 206 of the LMRDA and Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Section 403.7 require, among other things, that labor organizations maintain adequate records for at least five years after reports are filed by which the information on the reports can be verified, explained and clarified. Pursuant to 29 C.F.R. Section 458.3, this recordkeeping provision of the LMRDA applies to labor organizations subject to the requirements of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 (CSRA) as well. Therefore, as a general rule, labor organization must retain all records used or received in the course of union business.

For disbursements, this includes not only original bills, invoices, receipts, vouchers, and applicable resolutions, but also documentation showing the nature of the union business requiring the disbursement, the goods or services received, and the identity of the recipient(s) of the goods or services. In most instances, this documentation requirement can be satisfied with a sufficiently descriptive expense receipt or invoice. If an expense receipt is not sufficiently descriptive, a union officer or employee should write a note on it providing the additional information. For money it receives, the labor organization must keep at least one record showing the date, amount, purpose, and source of that money. The labor organization must also retain bank records for all accounts.

The audit of Local 2010's 2015 and 2016 records revealed the following recordkeeping violations:

1. Meal Expenses

Local 2010 did not require officers and employees to submit itemized receipts for meal expenses totaling at least \$60.00. The union must maintain itemized receipts provided by restaurants to officers and employees. These itemized receipts are necessary to determine if such disbursements are for union business purposes and to sufficiently fulfill the recordkeeping requirement of LMRDA Section 206.

Local 2010 records of meal expenses did not always include written explanations of union business conducted or the names and titles of the persons incurring the restaurant charges. For example, a meal expense of \$60.00 at Firehouse Subs in Jacksonville, FL on February 19, 2016 did not have the names of attendees or nature of union business discussed. Union records of meal expenses must include written explanations of the union business conducted and the full names and titles of all persons who incurred the restaurant charges. Also, the records retained must identify the names of the restaurants where the officers or employees incurred meal expenses.

2. General Reimbursed and Credit Card Expenses

Local 2010 did not retain adequate documentation for reimbursed expenses and credit card expenses incurred by union officers and employees totaling at least \$2,425.25. For example, a hotel stay at the StayBridge Suites in Memphis, TN on April 25, 2016 in the amount of \$1,014.56 did not have a receipt or invoice. Additionally an airline purchase with Delta Airlines on August 29, 2016 in the amount of \$565.20 did not have an invoice, receipt, or ticket copy.

As noted above, labor organizations must retain original receipts, bills, and vouchers for all disbursements. The president and treasurer (or corresponding principal officers) of your union, who are required to sign your union's LM report, are responsible for properly maintaining union records.

Based on your assurance that Local 2010 will retain adequate documentation in the future, OLMS will take no further enforcement action at this time regarding the above violations.

Reporting Violations

Pursuant to 29 C.F.R., Section 458.3, the reporting requirement under 29 C.F.R. Section 403.2 (see Section 201(b) of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act (LMRDA)) is made applicable to labor organizations subject to the requirements of the CSRA. This provision requires labor organizations to file annual financial reports that accurately disclose their financial condition and operations. The audit disclosed a violation of this requirement. The Labor Organization Annual Report (Form LM-3) filed by Local 2010 for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2015, was deficient in the following areas:

1. Cash Reconciliation

It appears that the cash figures reported in Item 25 (Cash) for the Form LM-3 Labor Organization Annual Report for the FYE October 31, 2015 are not the figures according to Local 2010's books after reconciliation to the bank statements. The instructions for Item 25 state that the union should obtain account balances from its books as reconciled to the balances shown on bank statements.

2. By Laws

Pursuant to 29 C.F.R. Section 458.3, the requirement under 29 C.F.R. Section 402.4 implementing LMRDA Section 201(a) is made applicable to labor organizations subject to the requirements of the CSRA. This provision requires labor organizations to file copies of any revised constitution and bylaws when it files its annual financial report. The audit disclosed a violation of this requirement. Local 2010 amended its constitution and bylaws in 2003, but did not file the required copies with its LM report for that year.

Local 2010 has now filed a copy of its constitution and bylaws.

Local 2010 must file an amended Form LM-3 for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2015, to correct the deficient items discussed above. I encourage Local 2010 to complete, sign, and file its report electronically using the Electronic Forms System (EFS) available at the OLMS website at www.olms.dol.gov. Reporting forms and instructions can be downloaded from the website, if you prefer not to file electronically. The amended Form LM-3 should be filed electronically no later than May 1, 2017 or submitted to this office at the above address by the same date. Before filing, review the report thoroughly to be sure it is complete and accurate. Paper reports must be signed with original signatures.

I want to extend my personal appreciation to Government Employees AFGE AFL-CIO Local 2010 for the cooperation and courtesy extended during this compliance audit. I strongly recommend that you make sure this letter and the compliance assistance materials provided to you are passed on to future officers. If we can provide any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Investigator

cc: Ms. Cathey Richards, Treasurer