

UNITED STATES OFFICE OF
GOVERNMENT ETHICS



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The Honorable Thad Cochran
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United States Senate
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Washington, DC 20510

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Vice Chairwoman
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United States Senate
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The Honorable John Boozman
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Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
133 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Christopher Coons
Ranking Member
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Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
125 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairmen, Madam Vice Chairwoman, and Ranking Member:

Pursuant to Section 609 of Public Law No: 113-76, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014, the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) is requesting approval to retain 50 percent of the fiscal year 2014 unobligated balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2014. Section 609 states:

Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, not to exceed 50 percent of unobligated balances remaining available at the end of fiscal year 2014 from appropriations made available for salaries and expenses for fiscal year 2014 in this Act, shall remain available through September 30, 2015, for each such account for the purposes authorized: *Provided*, That a request shall be submitted to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate for approval prior to the expenditure of such funds: *Provided further*, That these requests shall be made in compliance with reprogramming guidelines.

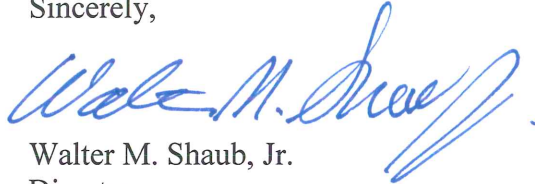
OGE requests \$63,945.68, which represents 50 percent of OGE's unobligated balance of \$127,891.36 from fiscal year 2014, to develop, test, and implement four discrete necessary improvements to *Integrity*, OGE's on-line, web-based, secure, electronic financial disclosure filing application. Specifically, the requested funds will be used to: 1) create a function that allows the *Integrity* Helpdesk or an agency administrator to auto-assign annual reports to all registered qualified public filers in an agency at the start of the annual report filing season;

2) create a function that allows agencies to export management reports in a variety of file formats; 3) create a function that allows filers or report reviewers to transfer entries between the three parts of the OGE Form 278e that contain asset and income information; and 4) add a column on the Transactions Data Entry grid that specifies whether the transaction was imported from a prior Periodic Transaction Report so it is readily apparent to reviewers.

All of the above-referenced functions would be new to *Integrity* and represent enhancements to the application based on feedback from agencies that have used *Integrity* for the 2015 annual public financial disclosure filing season. After thorough evaluation of many suggestions provided by user agencies, OGE prioritized the development of the four functions for which fiscal year 2014 funding is requested as having the highest impact across executive branch users of the application.

If you need additional information with regard to this request, please contact Shelley Finlayson, Chief of Staff and Program Counsel at 202-482-9314.

Sincerely,

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Walter M. Shaub, Jr.
Director

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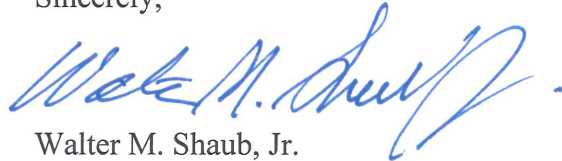
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