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1.0	AGENCY DATA	
	EMPLO YEES	
1.1	Number of full-time agency employees.	14
1.2	Number of Presidentially appointed, Senate-confirmed (PAS) public financial disclosure reports required to be filed.	0
1.3	Number of non-PAS public financial disclosure reports required to be filed.	1
1.4	Number of confidential financial disclosure reports required to be filed.	4
	ETHICS PROGRAM	
1.5	Title of Designated Agency Ethics Official (DAEO).	General Counsel
1.6	Grade level of DAEO.	GS-15
1.7	Title of Alternate DAEO (ADAEO).	Federal Co-Chairperson
1.8	Grade level of ADAEO.	Level IV Executive Schedule
1.9	Title of the primary, day-to-day ethics program administrator.	General Counsel
1.10	Grade level of the primary, day-to-day ethics program administrator.	GS-15
1.11	Current number of full-time ethics officials.	0
1.12	Current number of part-time ethics officials.	2
1.13	Number of reporting levels between the DAEO and the agency head.	1
	COMMENTS	
	(1.2) The Commission was established to deliver federal government services in rural Alaskan communit economic development. The Secretary of Commerce appoints the Commission's seven members, six of w based organizations specified by the Denali Commission Act of 1998 (the Act). The seventh member is the appointed by the Secretary of Commerce under criteria specified by the Act. The Federal Co-chairperson is a Department of Commerce employee who serves a four-year term and marked the action of the Commission and do not hold federal employee status.	whom are selected from Alaska- he Federal Co-chairperson, also ay be reappointed while the
	(1.3) The Commission's DAEO position is the only position whose incumbent is required to file a financial (1.12) At the start of OGE's inspection the Commission did not have an ADAEO. During the course of the chairperson, who files his public financial disclosure report with the Department of Commerce, was assign	ial disclosure report.

2.0	LEADERSHIP			
	COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS	Yes	No	N/A
2.1	OGE has received an up-to-date designation from the agency head naming the DAEO. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.107(a).	\boxtimes		
2.2	OGE has received an up-to-date designation from the agency head naming the ADAEO. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.107(a).	\boxtimes		
	COMMENTS			
	None			



	COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS	Yes	No	N/A
	The agency has written policies and procedures in place governing: See 5 U.S.C. app. IV, § 402(d)(1).			
1	Collection of public financial disclosure reports.	\boxtimes		
2	Review/evaluation of public financial disclosure reports.			
.3	Public availability of public financial disclosure reports.	\boxtimes		
.4	The agency can demonstrate that late filing fees are collected or, where appropriate, waivers are issued when public filers do not timely file financial disclosure reports.			\boxtimes
.5	Public financial disclosure reports are securely maintained. See OGE/GOVT-1.	\boxtimes		
.6	Public financial disclosure reports are retained in accordance with the retention requirements. See 5 C.F.R. § 2634.603(g)(1).	\boxtimes		
.7	There is reasonable assurance that the lead human resources official or designee promptly (no later than 15 days after appointment) notifies the DAEO of all appointments to positions that require incumbents to file public financial disclosure reports. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.105(a)(1).	\boxtimes		
.8	There is reasonable assurance that the lead human resources official or designee promptly (no later than 15 days after termination) notified the DAEO of terminations of employees in positions that require incumbents to file public financial disclosure reports. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.105(a)(2).	\boxtimes		
	DATA ANALYSIS		%	
.9	Percentage of sampled non-PAS new entrant reports filed timely. See 5 C.F.R. § 2634.201(b).		N/A	
.10	Percentage of sampled non-PAS annual reports filed timely. See 5 C.F.R. § 2634.201(a).		100%	
.11	Percentage of sampled non-PAS termination reports filed timely. See 5 C.F.R. § 2634.201(e).		N/A	
.12	Percentage of sampled non-PAS public financial disclosure reports reviewed within 60 days of receipt. See 5 C.F.R. § 2634.605(a).		100%	
3.13	Percentage of sampled non-PAS public financial disclosure reports certified within 60 days of receipt. See 5 C.F.R. § 2634.605(a).		100%	
.14	Percentage of sampled PAS annual reports filed timely. See 5 C.F.R. § 2634.201(a).		N/A	
.15	Percentage of sampled PAS termination reports filed timely. See 5 C.F.R. § 2634.201(e).		N/A	
.16	Percentage of sampled PAS annual and termination reports reviewed within 60 days of receipt. See 5 C.F.R. § 2634.605(a).		N/A	
.17	Percentage of sampled PAS annual and termination reports certified within 60 days of receipt. See 5 C.F.R. § 2634.605(a).		N/A	
	COMMENTS	-		
	(3.4) The Commission) did not have any employees subject to the late filing fee during the period covered by the inspec	tion.		
	(3.9) No new entrant reports were required to be filed during the period covered by the inspection.			
	(3.11) No termination reports were required to be filed during the period covered by inspection.			
	(3.14 – 3.17) The Commission has no PAS positions.			



4.0	CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE			
	COMPLIANCE REQ UIREMENTS	Yes	No	N/A
	The agency has written policies and procedures in place governing: See 5 U.S.C app. IV, § 402(d)(1).			
4.1	Collection of confidential financial disclosure reports.	\boxtimes		
4.2	Review/evaluation of confidential financial disclosure reports.	\boxtimes		
4.3	Confidential financial disclosure reports are securely maintained. See OGE/GOVT-2.	\boxtimes		
4.4	Confidential financial disclosure reports are retained in accordance with the retention requirements. See 5 C.F.R. § 2634.604.	\boxtimes		
4.5	The agency's OGE-approved alternative confidential financial disclosure system complies with plans approved by OGE. See 5 C.F.R. § 2634.905(a).			\boxtimes
4.6	There is reasonable assurance that the lead human resources official or designee promptly (no later than 15 days after appointment) notifies the DAEO of all appointments to positions that require incumbents to file confidential financial disclosure reports. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.105(a)(1).	\boxtimes		
	DATA ANALYSIS		%	
4.7	Percentage of sampled confidential new entrant reports filed timely. See 5 C.F.R. § 2634.903(b).		0%	
4.8	Percentage of sampled confidential annual reports filed timely. See 5 C.F.R. § 2634.903(a).		0%	
4.9	Percentage of sampled reports reviewed within 60 days of receipt. See 5 C.F.R. § 2634.605(a).		100%	1
4.10	Percentage of sampled confidential financial disclosure reports certified within 60 days of receipt. See 5 C.F.R. §§ 2634.605(a) and 2634.909(a).		100%	
	COMMENTS			
	(4.7) One new entrant report was required to be filed during the period covered by the inspection. Ethics officials allowe four months after assuming their position to file the report. This was to allow the date of filing to roughly coincide with annual confidential financial disclosure reports. Ethics officials are reminded that statutory and regulatory requirements change based on what is administratively convenient.	he due	date for	r
	(4.8) Five annual reports were required to be filed during the period covered by the inspection. All five reports were filed beyond the due date and none of the filers received an extension. Additionally, four of the five filers submitted their reports 450A. The OGE Form 450A was a certificate of no new interests which filers were allowed to use for up to three years it that there had been no change in their reportable interests. OGE withdrew authorization to use OGE Form 450A in 2019 of the inspection, the Commission collected OGE Form 450 reports from three of the filers. The fourth filer had retired from	orts usin f they c . Durin	ng OGE ould ce g the co	Form rtify urse

5.0	NOTICES TO PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES			
	COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS	Yes	No	N/A
	Written offers of employment for positions covered by the Standards of Conduct provide: See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.303.			
5.1	A statement regarding the agency's commitment to government ethics.	\boxtimes		
5.2	 Notice that the individual will be subject to the Standards of Conduct and the criminal conflict of interest statutes as an employee. 	\boxtimes		
5.3	 Contact information for an appropriate agency ethics office or an explanation of how to obtain additional information on applicable ethics requirements. 	\boxtimes		
5.4	Where applicable, notice of the time frame for completing initial ethics training.	\boxtimes		
5.5	 Where applicable, a statement regarding financial disclosure requirements and an explanation that new entrant reports must be filed within 30 days of appointment. 	\boxtimes		



5.6	The agency has established written procedures for issuing the notice to prospective employees. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.303(c).	\boxtimes		
5.7	The agency's written procedures are reviewed by the DAEO each year. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.303(c).		\boxtimes	
5.8	The agency can demonstrate that there is an effective process for ensuring all covered employees receive the required information with their written offer of employment. <i>See</i> 5 C.F.R. § 2638.303.	\boxtimes		
	COMMENTS			
	(5.7) The DAEO stated that he does not review the written procedures annually because the Commission uses the Depar (Treasury) human resources services, which is responsible for ensuring notices comply with legal requirements. OGE re that, even though the function has been outsourced, he remains responsible for ensuring that the Commission's ethics prapplicable requirements. OGE regulations require the DAEO to review the written procedures annually. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.303(c). OGE therefore the Commission DAEO perform annual reviews of the agency's written procedures for issuing required notices to prospect (The requirement for written procedures is largely predicated on the need to ensure continuity in the event an agency's entire officials are unavailable to administer the ethics program. Therefore, the Commission's written procedures should note to the contraction of the	eminds ogram i ore reco ective e xperier hat tha	the DAF meets al ommend employenced ethic t the fun	s that ees.
	is outsourced to Treasury, provide instructions for contacting the appropriate staff within the Department of the Treasury access the contract/agreement between the Commission and Treasury.)	y, and e	xpiain n	owto

6.0	NOTICES TO NEW SUPERVISORS			
0.0	COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS	Yes	No	N/A
	The agency must provide each employee upon initial appointment to a supervisory position with: See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.3	06.		
6.1	Contact information for the agency's ethics office.		\boxtimes	
6.2	• The text of 5 C.F.R. § 2638.103.		\boxtimes	
6.3	A copy of, a hyperlink to, or the address of a Web site containing the Principles of Ethical Conduct.		\boxtimes	
6.4	Other information the DAEO deems necessary.		\boxtimes	
6.5	The agency has established written procedures for supervisory ethics notices. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.306(d).	\boxtimes		
6.6	The agency's written procedures are reviewed by the DAEO each year. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.306(d).		\boxtimes	
6.7	The agency can demonstrate that there is an effective process for ensuring that new supervisors receive the required information within one year of appointment. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.306(b).		\boxtimes	
	COMMENTS			
	(6.1 – 6.4) The Commission hired one supervisory employee during the period covered by the inspection. However the r new supervisor did not include the information required by 5 C.F.R. § 2638.306. According to the DAEO the Commission Department of Treasury's human resources services, which is responsible for ensuring notices comply with legal requirements the DAEO that, even though the function has been outsourced, he remains responsible for ensuring that the Commission meets all applicable requirements. The DAEO is inquiring why the notices did not include the required information and that the Denali Commission ensure that all notices to new supervisors include the information required by 5 C.F.R. § 26. (6.6) The DAEO stated that he does not review the written procedures annually for the same reason that the DAEO does written procedures for notices to new employees, as discussed in the comments for row 5.7 above. OGE regulations how DAEO to review the written procedures annually. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.306. OGE therefore recommends that the Denali perform annual reviews of the agency's written procedures for notices to new supervisors. (The requirement for written predicated on the need to ensure continuity in the event an agency's experienced ethics officials are unavailable to admir program. Therefore the Commission's written procedures should note that that the function is outsourced to Treasury, proceduring the appropriate staff within the Department of the Treasury, and explain how to access the contract/agreement Commission and Treasury.)	on uses ments. 's ethic OGE re 38.306 not rever re Commisproceduister the ovide i	the OGE re s progra ccomme riew the quire th ssion D. ares is la the ethics instruction	minds im nds e AEO rgely



7.0	INITIAL ETHICS TRAINING			
	COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS	Yes	No	N/A
	Each new employee of the agency subject to the Standards of Conduct must complete initial ethics training. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.304.			
7.1	The training presentation(s) addressed concepts related to conflicts of interest, impartiality, misuse of position and gifts. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.304(e)(1).	\boxtimes		
7.2	The agency provided new employees with either the following written materials or written instruction for accessing them: The summary of the Standards of Conduct distributed by the Office of Government Ethics or an equivalent summary prepared by the agency; provisions of any supplemental agency regulation that the DAEO determines to be relevant or a summary of those provisions; such other written materials as the DAEO determines should be included; instructions for contacting the agency's ethics officials. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.304(e)(2).		\boxtimes	
7.3	The agency has established written procedures for initial ethics training. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.304(f).		\boxtimes	
7.4	The agency's written procedures are reviewed by the DAEO each year. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.304(f).		\boxtimes	
	DATA ANALYSIS		%	
7.5	Percentage of new employees who received initial ethics training. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.304.		100%	
7.6	Percentage of new employees who received initial ethics training within three months of appointment. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.304(b).		0%	
	COMMENTS			
	(7.2) The Commission did not provide new employees written material containing either a summary of the Standards of by the Office of Government Ethics or an equivalent summary prepared by the agency. OGE provided the Commission of document containing a summary of the Standards of Conduct for distribution to the Commission's new employees. (7.3) The Commission's written procedures initially provided to OGE did not contain procedures for initial ethics training of the inspection the procedures were updated to include procedures for initial ethics training. (7.6) The Commission had one new hire during the period covered by the inspection. While the employee was provided training was provided eight days beyond the three month deadline. OGE suggests the Commission consider adopting a pemployees receive initial ethics training when they in process.	with a s	ample ing the c	ourse

8.0	ANNUAL ETHICS TRAINING			
	COMPLIANCE REQ UIREMENTS	Yes	No	N/A
	Each calendar year, public filers, confidential filers, and certain other employees must complete ethics training which meets specified requirements. See 5 C.F.R. §§ 2638.307 and 2638.308.			
8.1	The training presentation(s) addressed concepts related to financial conflicts of interest, impartiality, misuse of position and gifts. See 5 C.F.R. §§ 2638.307(e)(1) and 2638.308(f)(1).	\boxtimes		
8.2	The agency provided employees with either the following written materials or written instruction for accessing them: The summary of the Standards of Conduct distributed by the Office of Government Ethics or an equivalent summary prepared by the agency; provisions of any supplemental agency regulation that the DAEO determines to be relevant or a summary of those provisions; such other written materials as the DAEO determines should be included; instructions for contacting the agency's ethics officials. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.304(e)(2).		\boxtimes	
8.3	The agency's annual ethics training complies with the formatting requirements for public filers, confidential filers, and certain other employees. <i>See</i> 5 C.F.R. §§ 2638.307(d) and 2638.308(e).	\boxtimes		



8.4	The agency's program for annual ethics training complies with the tracking requirements for public filers, confidential filers, and certain other employees. <i>See</i> 5 C.F.R. §§ 2638.307(f) and 2638.308(g).			
8.5	The agency can demonstrate it has an effective process for ensuring covered public filers, other than those whose pay is set at Level I or Level II of the Executive Schedule, complete live annual ethics training at least once every two years. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.308(e)(2).			\boxtimes
	DATA ANALYSIS	Traini	ng Fori	nat
	DATA ANALISIS	Live	Inte	ractive
	Percentage of public filers who completed annual ethics training before the end of the calendar year. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.308(a).			
8.6	• Executive Schedule Level I and Level II. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.308(e)(1).	N/A	1	I/A
8.7	• Other PAS and Equivalent. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.308(e)(2).	N/A	1	I/A
8.8	• SES and Equivalent. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.308(e)(3).	N/A	N	J/A
	Percentage of confidential filers and certain other employees who completed annual ethics training before the end of the calendar year. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.307(a)(d).			
8.9	• Employees required to file an annual confidential financial disclosure report. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.307(a)(1).	100%		
8.10	• Employees appointed by the President. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.307(a)(2).	N/A	1	J/A
8.11	• Employees of the Executive Office of the President. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.307(a)(2).	N/A	ľ	J/A
8.12	• Contracting officers described in 41 U.S.C. § 2101. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.307(a)(3).	N/A	ľ	J/A
8.13	• Other employees designated by the head of the agency. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.307(a)(4).	N/A	N	J/A
	COMMENTS			
	(8.2) The Commission did not provide new employees written material containing either a summary of the Standards by the Office of Government Ethics or an equivalent summary prepared by the agency. OGE provided the Commission document containing a summary of the Standards of Conduct for distribution to the Commission's new employees. (8.5 – 8.8) The Commission did not employ any PAS or SES employees during the period covered by the inspection.			outed
	(8.10 - 8.13) The Commission did not have any employees in the categories listed in rows 8.10 through 8.13 .			

9.0	ETHICS ADVICE AND COUNSELING			
	COMPLIANCE REQ UIREMENT	Yes	No	N/A
9.1	Based on a sample collected by OGE, guidance provided by agency ethics officials to employees appears to be consistent with applicable laws and regulations. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.104(c)(4).			\boxtimes
	COMMENTS			
	(9.1) The Commission's DAEO did not provide written counseling in 2021.			

10.0	SPECIAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES (SGE) SERVING ON ADVISORY COMMITTEES	AND BOARDS
	Confidential Financial Disclosure	
10.1	Number of SGEs serving on Advisory Committees and Boards.	N/A
	DATA ANALYSIS	%



10.2	Percentage of sampled confidential new entrant reports filed timely. See 5 C.F.R. § 2634.903(b).	N/A						
10.3	Percentage of sampled reports reviewed within 60 days of receipt but not later than the SGE's first meeting. See 5 C.F.R. § 2634.605(a).	N/A						
10.4	Percentage of sampled reports certified within 60 days of receipt. See 5 C.F.R. § 2634.605(a).	N/A						
Ethics Training								
	COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS	Yes	No	N/A				
	Required ethics training must be provided to each SGE. See 5 C.F.R. §§ 2638.304 and 2638.307.							
10.5	The training presentation(s) addressed concepts related to conflicts of interest, impartiality, misuse of position and gifts. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.304(e)(1).			\boxtimes				
10.6	The agency provided employees with either the following written materials or written instruction for accessing them: The summary of the Standards of Conduct distributed by the Office of Government Ethics or an equivalent summary prepared by the agency; provisions of any supplemental agency regulation that the DAEO determines to be relevant or a summary of those provisions; such other written materials as the DAEO determines should be included; instructions for contacting the agency's ethics officials. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.304(e)(2).			\boxtimes				
	DATA ANALYSIS	%						
10.7	Percentage of SGEs who received initial ethics training. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.304.	N/A						
10.8	Percentage of SGEs who received initial ethics training timely. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.304(b)(2).	N/A						
10.9	Percentage of SGEs who received annual ethics training. See 5 C.F.R. § 2638.307(d)(2).		N/A					
	COMMENTS							
	(10.1-10.9) The Commission has no SGE positions.							

ISSUES IDENTIFIED AND RESOLVED DURING THE INSPECTION							
Element	ISSUE						
5.7	ISSUE: The Commission DAEO did not review the written procedures for Notices to Prospective Employees annually because the Denali Commission utilizes the Department of Treasury's human resources services. AGENCY RESPONSE: The Commission updated its written procedures to specify that the DAEO review the written procedures annually.						
6.6	ISSUE: The Commission DAEO did not review the written procedures for Notices to New Supervisors annually because the Denali Commission uses the Department of Treasury's human resources services. AGENCY RESPONSE: The Commission updated its written procedures to specify that the DAEO review the written procedures annually.						
7.3	ISSUE: The Commission's written procedures initially provided to OGE did not contain procedures for initial ethics training. AGENCY RESPONSE: During the course of the inspection the procedures were updated to include procedures for initial ethics training.						

ETHICS PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT

Agency: Denali Commission (The Commission)

Report No.: 22-34I Date: May 31, 2022

Period Covered by Review: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021



	RECOM	RECOMMENDATIONS					
#	Element	RECOMMENDATION	Compliance Due				
1	4.7, 4.8	RECOMMENDATION: Ensure timely filing of confidential financial disclosure reports.					
2	4.8	RECOMMENDATION: Ensure all confidential filers use the correct form, OGE Form.					
3	5.7	<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Conduct annual DAEO reviews of the Commission's written procedures for Notices to Prospective Employees.					
4	6.1 – 6.4	<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Ensure that Notices to New Supervisors includes all information required by 5 C.F.R. § 2638.306.					
5	6.6	<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Conduct annual DAEO reviews of the Commission's written procedures for Notices to New Supervisors.					
6	7.2, 8.2	<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Provide written materials required by 5 C.F.R. § 2638.304(e)(2) to employees receiving ethics training.					