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HIGHLIGHTS

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Do Not Pay List

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BACKGROUND:

On June 18, 2010, President Obama issued a memorandum titled *Enhancing Payment Accuracy Through a "Do Not Pay List"* that requires all government agencies to participate in a centralized database or portal which would allow contracting officers to check one database before awarding contracts and releasing federal funds.

Subsequently, Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-12-11, *Reducing Improper Payments Through the 'Do Not Pay List,'* dated April 12, 2012, directed the development of agency plans for using the Do Not Pay portal to help ensure the federal government does business with responsible parties.

Although the U.S. Postal Service is not required to comply with the processes prescribed in the memoranda, it is required to ensure that contracts are not awarded to debarred, suspended, or ineligible suppliers and it could potentially benefit from implementation of these processes.

Our objective was to determine whether the Postal Service established processes similar to those required in the presidential memorandum.

WHAT THE OIG FOUND:

Although the Postal Service does not use the Do Not Pay portal, it has procedures in place to ensure that it does not award contracts to debarred, suspended, or ineligible suppliers; and to confirm debts with the U.S.

Department of the Treasury (Treasury) before making payments to suppliers. Additionally, our work identified no improper payments to deceased persons on the U.S. Social Security Administration's Death Master File.

Treasury personnel responsible for implementing the portal informed Postal Service personnel that they were focusing on providing portal access to appropriated federal agencies and that, presently, they will not provide access to the Postal Service. It would benefit the Postal Service if it continued to discuss the status with portal personnel and, if appropriate, work with them to obtain access. Because of the Postal Service's inability to obtain access to the Do Not Pay portal, we are not making recommendations at this time.