



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

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Mr. José R. Nazario-Ortíz  
Administrator  
Puerto Rico Vocational Rehabilitation Administration  
Ave. Ponce de León  
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San Juan, P.R. 00919

Subject: Closure of OIG Audit of the Administration of Vocational Rehabilitation Grants in  
Puerto Rico

Control Number ED-OIG/A04R0001

Dear Administrator Nazario-Ortíz:

This letter advises you of the closure of our audit of the Administration of Vocational Rehabilitation Grants in Puerto Rico. We will not be issuing a report. The objective of the audit was to determine whether the Puerto Rico Vocational Rehabilitation Administration had adequate controls to ensure that services were being provided to eligible individuals and funds were being used for allowable activities.

We conducted an entrance conference on July 12, 2017, and began our fieldwork immediately following. Our decision to close the audit was due to the emergency situation caused by hurricane María in Puerto Rico and damages sustained to several of your service centers that contain supporting documentation. Therefore, it would not be prudent for us to continue the audit under the circumstances.

The work we performed was not extensive enough to answer the audit objectives described above, provide a basis for any suggestions for improvements, and would not necessarily disclose all material weaknesses in determining whether services were being provided to eligible individuals and funds were being used for allowable activities.

The closure of this audit does not preclude further reviews of this or similar areas by the OIG in the future, nor is our review to be construed as a substitute for any other reviews required by law, license, or accreditation. This audit closure does not preclude the Department of Education from taking any action concerning any aspect of eligibility determinations or the use of Federal education funds by the Puerto Rico Vocational Rehabilitation Administration. In addition, closure of this audit should not be interpreted as agreement with or endorsement of areas reviewed.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 522), reports and other products issued by the Office of Inspector General are available to members of the press and general public to the extent information contained therein is not subject to exemptions in the Act. This memorandum will be made available on the OIG internet website.

We wish to express appreciation for the cooperation and assistance extended by your staff during the review. If you have questions about the review, please contact Juan Santiago at (787) 773-2744 or at [juan.santiago@ed.gov](mailto:juan.santiago@ed.gov). No response to this memorandum is required.

Respectfully,

/s/

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