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*Export-Import Bank of the United States*

# Congressional Budget Justification

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## INTRODUCTION

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The Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM) conducts rigorous, independent oversight that bolsters EXIM’s mission of supporting American jobs by facilitating the export of U.S. goods and services. EXIM programs advance the Administration’s America First trade and national economic security policies as well as efforts to compete globally by driving competitiveness in manufacturing, promoting energy dominance, and restoring American prosperity. OIG’s oversight of EXIM promotes the integrity, transparency, and efficiency of EXIM programs and operations by providing independent oversight and objective reporting to stakeholders, including EXIM’s Chairman and Congress. OIG’s work also aligns with broader Administration efforts to eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse across the U.S. Government.

### Request Supports Administration Priorities, Ensures Continued Oversight of EXIM

OIG’s budget request supports key Administration priorities while enabling OIG to deliver proper oversight of EXIM’s lending portfolio, which is projected to grow in FY 2026 and beyond. Specifically, OIG’s oversight of EXIM directly supports the President’s America-First Trade Policy; initiatives to eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse across the federal government; and efforts to enhance the efficiency of federal operations. OIG is charged with conducting oversight of EXIM programs and operations, including the agency’s China and Transformational Exports Program, Make More in America domestic financing initiative, and Supply Chain Resiliency Initiative, which helps to secure supply chains of critical minerals and rare earth elements for U.S. businesses. OIG’s oversight of these activities—which advance key Administration goals related to America’s national and economic security interests—promotes efficiency and safeguards taxpayer resources.

## SUMMARY OF THE BUDGET REQUEST

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*Table 1. Summary of the Budget Request*

|                  | FY 2024<br>Enacted | FY 2025<br>Continuing<br>Resolution | FY 2026 OIG<br>Request |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Budget Authority | \$8,860,000        | \$8,860,000                         | \$8,860,000            |
| FTE              | 36                 | 33                                  | 33                     |

For FY 2026, EXIM OIG requests a total budget of \$8.86 million, equal to the FY 2025 Continuing Resolution (CR) level. This request funds 33 full-time equivalents (FTE), required costs to ensure the continued independence of OIG’s human resources and information technology (IT) systems, and travel costs to conduct audits, evaluations, inspections, and investigations of agency programs. These FTE will allow EXIM OIG to provide oversight of EXIM in the lead up to

its anticipated reauthorization in 2026. This funding request includes \$80,000 for training, and \$35,440 as OIG’s estimated allocation to support the operations of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE).

## **OIG Generates Significant Returns on Taxpayer Investment**

OIG’s audits, evaluations, inspections, investigations, and reviews yield significant returns on taxpayer investments. For every dollar spent on its budget since FY 2015, OIG has more than doubled Congress’s investment from its investigations alone. Since FY 2015, OIG has secured 36 convictions against parties who attempted to defraud EXIM, resulting in approximately \$127 million in recoveries via criminal and civil court-ordered forfeiture and restitution, fines, and assessments. OIG’s audits, evaluations, inspections, and reviews similarly protect taxpayer funds by promoting positive change, improving the efficiency of EXIM programs and operations, and preventing the future misappropriation of funds. Since FY 2015, OIG has made 478 recommendations to improve the operations and programs of EXIM, including \$10.5 million in questioned costs and funds put to better use.

## **Requested Resources Will Bolster OIG Independence**

OIG will also utilize the requested resources to enhance the independence of OIG’s management platform and ensure OIG has full control over the resources necessary to operate separately from the agency. EXIM OIG continues to focus on new projects that strengthen its independence in the areas of IT and human capital. This includes funding for OIG’s current human resources shared services provider, which enables OIG to effectively recruit employees with the specialized experience required for oversight of the agency. In FY 2026, EXIM OIG will make an initial investment in migrating its core IT infrastructure from EXIM into its own solution. This investment marks the beginning of a multi-year process to gain more autonomy over its IT systems, which will require additional resources to sustain this capability. The project will provide better security and confidentiality of OIG information.

## **Personnel Compensation**

Approximately 85 percent of the OIG budget request is for compensation and benefits to employ professional auditors, inspectors, analysts, criminal investigators, attorneys, and administrative staff necessary to execute OIG’s mission. The total personnel budget request provides for \$7,560,000 in salaries and benefits for onboard FTEs.

## **Administrative Expenses**

The budget request includes \$1,300,000 for administrative expenses which represents approximately 15 percent of the total FY 2025 request. This portion covers contracted audit, evaluation, inspection, and investigative work; travel; mandatory and developmental training; information technology; equipment and supplies; and the annual transfer to support the operations of CIGIE (\$35,440).

*Financial Summary (FYs 2024 – 2026)***Table 2. Financial Summary**

|                                   | <b>FY 2024<br/>Enacted</b> | <b>FY 2025<br/>Continuing Resolution</b> | <b>FY 2026<br/>OIG Request</b> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| <b>Appropriation</b>              | \$8,860,000                | \$8,860,000                              | \$8,860,000                    |
| <b>Carryover Used</b>             | \$1,125,000                | \$1,282,747                              | \$0                            |
| <b>Personnel<br/>Compensation</b> | \$6,878,356                | \$7,560,000                              | \$7,560,000                    |
| Administrative                    | \$2,159,341                | \$965,000                                | \$965,000                      |
| Information Technology            | \$155,842                  | \$1,437,747                              | \$155,000                      |
| Travel                            | \$80,817                   | \$100,000                                | \$100,000                      |
| Training <sup>1</sup>             | \$27,916                   | \$80,000                                 | \$80,000                       |
| <b>Subtotal, Administrative</b>   | \$2,423,915                | \$2,582,747                              | \$1,300,000                    |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>\$9,302,271</b>         | <b>\$10,142,747</b>                      | <b>\$8,860,000</b>             |

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<sup>1</sup> As required by 5 USC § 406(g), the Inspector General certifies that amounts identified for training will meet OIG training needs in FY26.

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