



*Office of Inspector General
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INTRODUCTION

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, efficiency and effectiveness 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 2027 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 complex 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 economy and efficiency and safeguards taxpayer resources.

OIG’s past performance demonstrates its ability to promote positive change at EXIM. Since FY 2022, OIG has more than doubled its output of oversight reports that identify potential cost savings and make recommendations to improve EXIM’s efficiency and effectiveness. These reports included 167 recommendations to improve EXIM’s ability to support American exporters facing competition from Chinese and other foreign export credit agencies. As a law enforcement entity, OIG also works to hold individuals who defraud American taxpayers accountable. Since FY 2015, OIG investigations have resulted in an estimated 147 years of prison time, 117 years of probation, and approximately \$128 million in forfeitures, restitution, repayments, and judgments.

OIG is committed to and has taken seriously the President’s guidance to minimize costs to the taxpayer. Specifically, this request is consistent with OIG’s Agency RIF and Reorganization Plan, which implements the White House’s vision for a leaner, more streamlined government that delivers for the American people. In FY 2025, OIG eliminated a full layer of middle management and multiple mission-support positions. As a result of these actions, OIG’s on-board staffing levels have declined, and are forecasted at 27 FTE for FY 2027. To ensure OIG is able to sustain

past levels of productivity with fewer on board staff, the organization plans to reinvest existing resources in its oversight of EXIM and is actively working to deploy data analytics and shared services to achieve efficiencies. Such actions are particularly important given the anticipated growth in EXIM’s authorizations in FY 2027 and beyond.

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 38 convictions against parties who attempted to defraud EXIM, resulting in approximately \$128 million in recoveries via criminal and civil court-ordered forfeiture and restitution, fines, and assessments. While more difficult to quantify, 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 517 recommendations to improve the operations and programs of EXIM, including \$21.5 million in questioned costs and funds put to better use.

SUMMARY OF THE BUDGET REQUEST

Table 1. Summary of the Budget Request

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 OIG Request
Budget Authority	\$8,860,000	\$8,860,000	\$7,900,000
FTE	33	27	27

For FY 2027, EXIM OIG requests a total budget of \$7.9 million. This request funds 27 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 resources will allow EXIM OIG to provide oversight of EXIM in the lead up to its anticipated reauthorization in FY 2027.

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 \$6,600,000 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 2027 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.

Financial Summary (FYs 2025 – 2027)

Table 2. Financial Summary

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request
Appropriation/Request	\$8,860,000	\$8,860,000	\$7,900,000
Carryover Used	\$1,282,747	\$0	\$0
Total	\$10,142,747	\$8,860,000	\$7,900,000
Personnel Compensation	\$7,560,000	\$5,560,000	\$6,600,000
Administrative	\$965,000	\$965,000	\$965,000
Information Technology	\$1,437,747	\$1,155,000	\$155,000
Travel	\$100,00	\$100,00	\$100,000
Training	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal Administrative	\$2,582,747	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000
Total	\$10,142,747	\$8,860,000	\$7,900,000

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