



## External Peer Review Report

August 4, 2025

The Honorable Parisa Salehi  
Inspector General  
Export-Import Bank of the United States  
Office of Inspector General  
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We reviewed the system of quality control for the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Office of Inspector General, Office of Special Reviews (EXIM OIG), in effect for the year ending March 31, 2025. A system of quality control includes multiple aspects of an organization, to include, but not limited to, policies and procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance of compliance with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency's (CIGIE's) *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation*, December 2020 (Blue Book).

In our opinion, the EXIM OIG's system of quality control in effect for the year ended March 31, 2025, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the General Services Administration, Office of Inspector General, Office of Inspections (GSA OIG), with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with the Blue Book.

Inspection and Evaluation (I&E) organizations can receive a rating of pass, pass with deficiencies, or fail. EXIM OIG has received an External Peer Review rating of **PASS**.

### Basis of Opinion

This required external peer review was conducted in accordance with CIGIE's *Guide for Conducting External Peer Reviews of Inspection and Evaluation Organizations of Federal Offices of Inspector General* (July 2023) and the Memorandum of Understanding between the GSA OIG and the EXIM OIG entered on March 26, 2025.

We reviewed the EXIM OIG policies and procedures and obtained an understanding of the nature of its I&E function and the design of its system of quality control sufficient to assess the risks implicit in the I&E function. Based on our assessments, we selected two I&E reports and the associated administrative files to test for conformity with Blue Book standards and compliance with the Office of Special Reviews' system of quality control.

In performing our review, we obtained an understanding of the system of quality control for the EXIM OIG's I&E function. In addition, we tested compliance with the Office of Special Reviews' quality control policies and procedures to the extent we considered appropriate. These tests covered the application of the EXIM OIG's policies and procedures on selected I&E reports. Our review was based on selected tests; therefore, it would not necessarily detect all

weaknesses in the system of quality control or all instances of noncompliance with it.

Prior to concluding the peer review, we reassessed the adequacy of the scope of the peer review procedures and met with the EXIM OIG's management to discuss the results of our review. We believe that the procedures we performed provide a reasonable basis for our opinion. Enclosure 1 to this report identifies the EXIM OIG's I&E reports we reviewed.

The EXIM OIG's management officials provided a response to our Peer Review Report (Enclosure 2) in which they **agreed with** our overall rating.

### **Responsibilities and Limitations**

EXIM OIG is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of quality control designed to provide itself with reasonable assurance that the organization and its personnel comply in all material respects with Blue Book standards. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and EXIM OIG's compliance based on our review.

There are inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any system of quality control; therefore, noncompliance with the system of quality control may occur and may not be detected. Projection of any evaluation of a system of quality control to future periods is subject to the risk that the system of quality control may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or because the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Robert C. Erickson  
Deputy Inspector General

Enclosures

## ENCLOSURE 1: Scope and Methodology

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We reviewed compliance with the EXIM OIG's system of quality control in effect for the year ended March 31, 2025, to the extent we considered appropriate. EXIM OIG issued nine reports during the review period of April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2025. We judgmentally selected the following two reports for review:

1. *Evaluation of EXIM's Portfolio Risk Management Procedures and CRO Responsibilities* (Report Number OIG-EV-23-03), issued December 2, 2022; and
2. *Review of Access Control Measures at EXIM Headquarters* (Report Number OIG-SR-24-01), issued November 13, 2023.

## ENCLOSURE 2: Reviewed Organization's Comments to Draft Peer Review Report

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August 1, 2025

Robert C. Erickson, Deputy Inspector General  
U.S. General Services Administration  
Office of Inspector General  
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Dear Deputy Inspector General Erikson,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the peer review report on the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Office of Inspector General (EXIM OIG) Inspection and Evaluation function.

We concur with the rating of pass and the opinion that EXIM OIG's system of quality control has been suitably designed, and complied with, to provide a reasonable assurance of conformity to the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency's *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation*, December 2020.

We appreciate the efforts of your staff to complete this review in a thorough and professional manner. If you have any questions, please contact Ami Schaefer, Assistant Inspector General for Special Reviews, at (202) 460-2128 or at [Ami.Schaefer@exim.gov](mailto:Ami.Schaefer@exim.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Parisa Salehi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Parisa Salehi  
Inspector General