The Mainframe Applications Re-platform Initiative at the Railroad Retirement Board is Progressing in Accordance with Established Project Goals

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What DP George & Company Found

“DP George & Company, LLC (DPG) audited the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) Mainframe Applications Re-platform information technology against: strategic and project management plans maintained by the agency, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) information technology planning guidance, and other best practice guidance for project management.”

RRB received $10 million in appropriation for mission critical information technology investments. RRB hired a contractor to perform the transition from older technology, such as the mainframe re-platform project assessed in this audit.

DP George determined the current status for the Mainframe Applications Re-Platform initiative, assessed that project plans and progress through May 31, 2019 were reasonable to achieve success for the project, and assessed that the RRB goals for the project are reasonable and attainable.

DP George did not make any recommendations. This audit was conducted while the project was in progress and it is not intended to assess the implementation of the project. Only Phase I of the four phases has been completed as of the scope period. DP George determined that Phase II was on schedule for completion at the time of report issuance.

What We Did

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) engaged DPG to conduct a performance audit. The audit objectives were: (1) determine the current status of the RRB project titled “Mainframe Applications Re-platform”; (2) evaluate if the project plans and progress to date are reasonable to achieve success; and (3) evaluate if the goals for Mainframe Re-Platform are reasonable and attainable. This audit was conducted in accordance with the performance audit standards established by Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards. DPG is responsible for the audit report and the conclusions expressed therein. RRB OIG does not express any assurance on the conclusions presented in DPG’s audit report.

The scope of this audit is project activities performed at the RRB from project award on February 1, 2019 through May 31, 2019.