



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

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Rosemary Suggs-Evans  
Director  
Department of Small and Local Business Development  
441 4th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20001

Subject: **Department of Small and Local Business Development Certified Business Enterprise Program Evaluation | [OIG No. 25-E-04-EN0](#)**

Dear Director Suggs-Evans:

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is launching an evaluation of the Department of Small and Local Business Development's (DSLBD) Certified Business Enterprise (CBE) Program. We will perform this evaluation in accordance with the [Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation](#), issued by the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and the [Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government](#), issued by the US Government Accountability Office.

Our objective is to assess the effectiveness of CBE program oversight, performance, and enforcement of operations.

This evaluation will be conducted under project number 25-E-04-EN0. Assistant Inspector General for Inspections and Evaluations, Yulanda Gaither, will coordinate an entrance conference to discuss the evaluation process and answer any questions. Meanwhile, please direct any immediate concerns to me or to Ms. Gaither. You may contact Ms. Gaither on 202-727-9029.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "DWL", is positioned above the name Daniel W. Lucas.

Daniel W. Lucas  
Inspector General

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