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**DOJ OIG Releases Report on the FBI's Contract Awarded to Clark Construction Group, LLC,
for the Innovation Center in Huntsville, Alabama**

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) announced today the release of a report assessing the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) contract awarded to Clark Construction Group, LLC, (CCG) for the Innovation Center in Huntsville, Alabama. The Innovation Center is the flagship building in the Science and Technology District of the FBI's North Campus at Redstone Arsenal. CCG, as the prime contractor on the approximately \$229 million contract, was required to provide all labor, equipment, materials, and design services necessary to perform the construction.

The OIG's audit identified deficiencies in the FBI's award and administration of the Innovation Center contract that we believe have potential relevance to the FBI's administration of construction contracts more generally. For example, we found that the FBI did not prepare a contract-specific independent government cost estimate to support the Innovation Center award as required by the Federal Acquisition Regulation, which resulted in confusion among FBI contracting officials as to the actual cost estimate total and the use of an amount other than the actual estimate when evaluating price proposals. Additionally, we found that the FBI needs to establish controls to ensure that pre-award communications with contractors are consistent with—or reconciled to—contract specifications, and ensure that only appropriately authorized and designated contracting personnel may approve contract deliverables. With respect to contract oversight, we determined that the FBI actively performed quality control at the construction site and took other positive oversight actions, and we identified improvements the FBI could make to how it monitors both contract requirements and labor standards compliance.

The OIG made three recommendations to assist the FBI in its administration of future contracts. The FBI generally agreed with the recommendations and stated it would take corrective actions to strengthen its contracting processes.

Report: Today's report is available on [the OIG's website](#).

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