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DOJ OIG Releases Report on the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Acquisition and Life Cycle Management of Major Equipment Supporting Food Services

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) announced today the release of a report on the Federal Bureau of Prisons' (BOP) acquisition and life cycle management of major food service equipment. Cost-effective acquisition and the continued functionality of major food service equipment is critical to the BOP's efforts to provide inmates with three nutritionally balanced meals daily that meet all health and safety regulations.

The OIG's audit found that the BOP's approach to the acquisition and life cycle management of major food service equipment could be significantly improved.

The findings in today's report include:

- **Inconsistent Definition for Major Food Service Equipment.** An inconsistent understanding of which equipment was "major" led to institution-level negotiations over which department would be responsible for the required routine maintenance, repair, and replacement costs of these important assets.
 - **Significant Challenges with BOP's Total Maintenance System.** A lack of internal controls and training on the Total Maintenance System—the BOP's system of record for equipment—led to incomplete and inaccurate data in the system, which significantly hindered the BOP's ability to develop a replacement strategy for its major food service equipment.
 - **Personnel Challenges.** The BOP struggled to attract and fill key positions with the appropriate skillsets for modern repair and maintenance needs.
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The OIG made five recommendations to assist the BOP in its efforts to more effectively manage and maintain its major equipment supporting food services. The BOP concurred with all five recommendations.

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

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