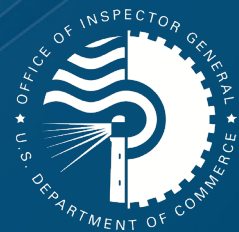




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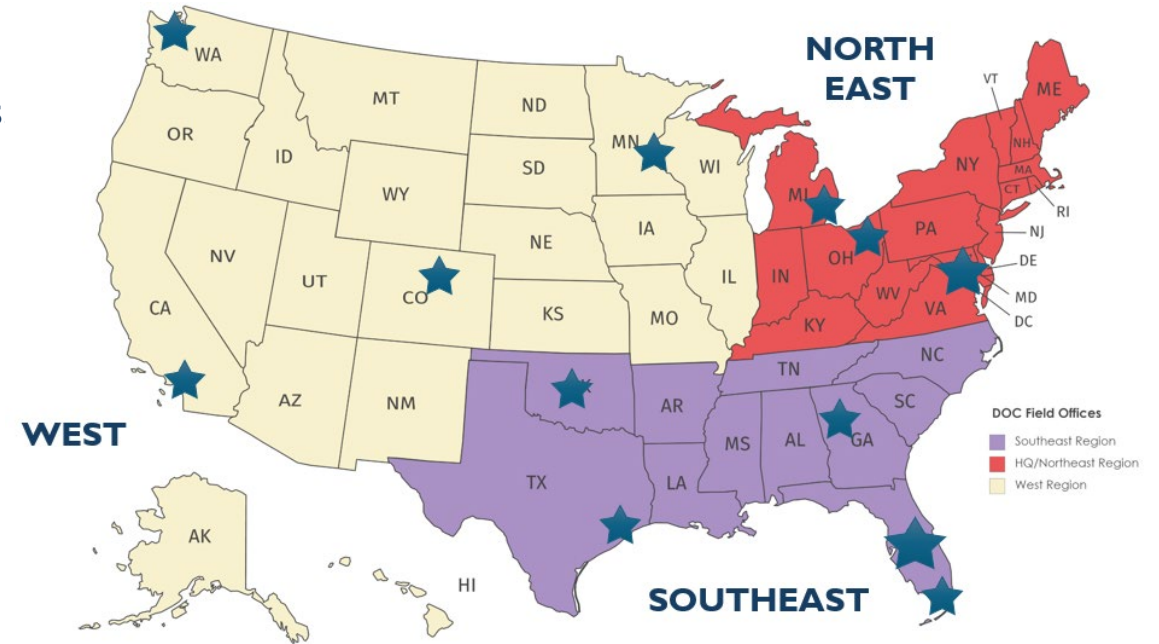
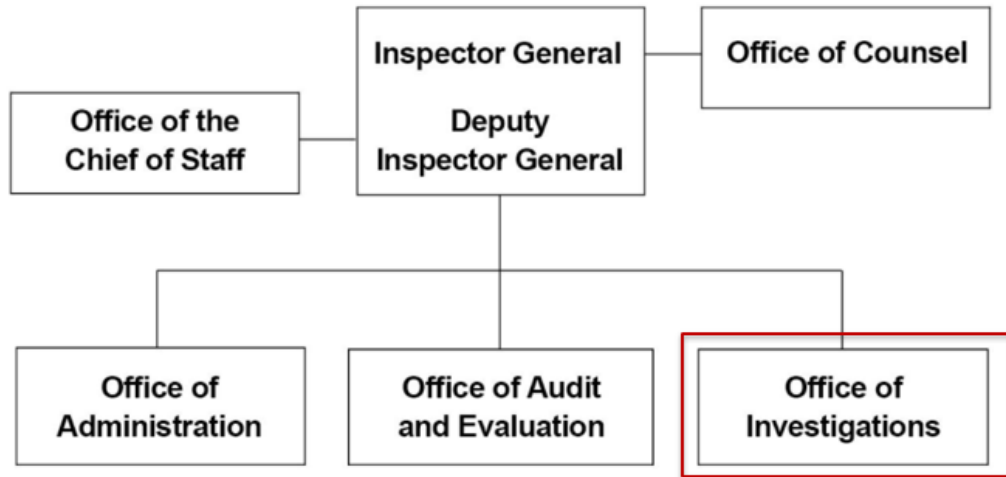




U.S. Department of Commerce Office of Inspector General Overview

Mission: To improve the programs and operations of the Department of Commerce through independent and objective oversight.

Achieved through audits, inspections, evaluations, and investigations



DOC OIG conducts oversight for a Department of approximately 47,000 employees with field offices in every state and territory and trade offices in more than 86 countries.





U.S. Department of Commerce Organization / Component Bureaus

Organization

The Department's headquarters offices and component bureaus, listed below, implement over 225 budgeted programs and activities:

- Office of the Secretary (OS)
- Office of Inspector General (OIG)
- Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)
- Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS)
- Census Bureau (Census)
- Economic Development Administration (EDA)
- International Trade Administration (ITA)
- Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)
- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- National Technical Information Service (NTIS)
- National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)
- Office of the Undersecretary for Economic Affairs (OUSEA)
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)



MISSION

The Department of Commerce's mission is to create the conditions for economic growth and opportunity for all communities.





IIJA Funding Programs

Tribes/Tribal Governments are eligible to participate in the following programs:

Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD): expands high-speed Internet access by funding planning, infrastructure deployment, mapping, equity, and adoption programs to all 50 states, Washington, DC and U.S. territories. (\$42.45b)

Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP): supports broadband infrastructure deployment, telehealth, distance learning, affordability, and digital inclusion initiatives on tribal lands. (\$2b + \$1b under CAA of 2021)

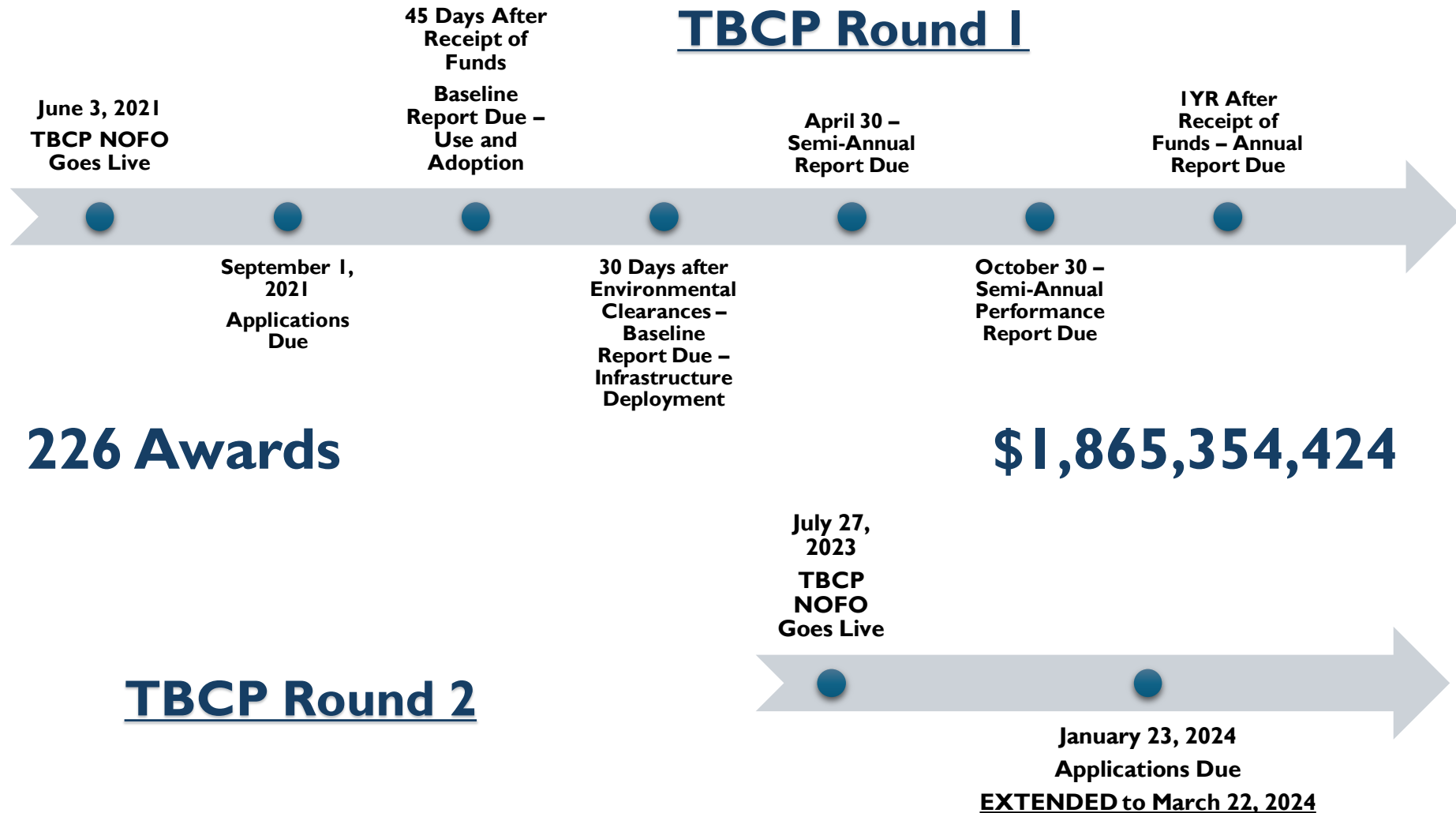
Digital Equity Act Programs (DE): promotes digital equity and inclusion and aims to ensure that all individuals and communities can acquire the necessary skills, technology, and capacity to engage in the nation's digital economy. (\$2.75b)

Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program (MM): funds construction, improvement, or acquisition of middle mile broadband infrastructure to reduce the cost of bringing high-speed Internet service to unserved and underserved communities by connecting local networks to major networks. (\$1b)





Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program



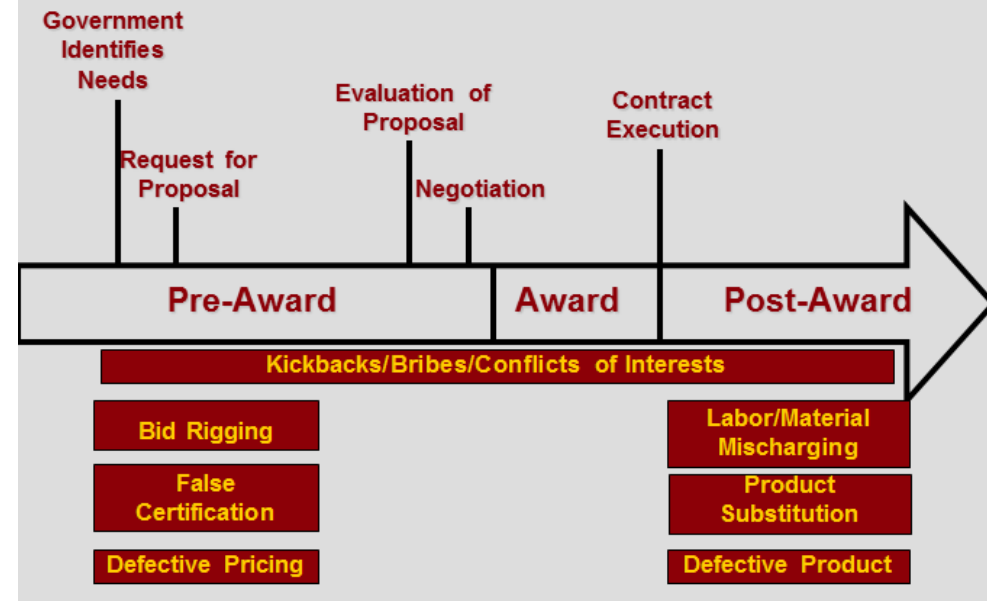


U.S. Department of Commerce Office of Inspector General – Potential Areas of Fraud



Fraud can occur in every phase of the process, including when tribes receive funding AND when tribes engage with subrecipients for goods/services to complete projects.

When Does Fraud Occur in the Procurement Cycle?





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