

USDA Spends \$2M for 1 Intern

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture spent \$2 million on an internship program in which it hired only one intern, as disclosed by a new inspector general report.

Fox News reports that, "the finding was part of a larger USDA general audit that focused on the agency's multi-million dollar effort to improve information technology security."

The audit, 32 pages, revealed the agency's information systems, "are still at risk," since the improvement projects were poorly managed "even after expending \$63.4 million of funding increases received" in fiscal years 2010 and 2011.

According to Fox News, "the audit also focused on the office of the agency's chief information officer and the \$2 million it funded for the internship program. While the program was part of the security-enhancement program, it resulted in the hiring of only one full-time intern, the audit stated."

The Heritage Foundation first reported on the Audit that was released on August 2.

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