

Summary: Investigation of BLM Contracting Officer—Fraudulent Resume/Application Submission

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OIG investigated allegations that a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) contracting officer submitted a fraudulent resume when he applied for a position with BLM's Division of Information Resource Management. Specifically, the complainant alleged the contracting officer copied some of the language from a co-worker's resume, used verbiage directly from the job announcement and falsely claimed 30 percent disabled veteran status.

We did not substantiate the allegation. We found the BLM contracting officer did copy some of the language from a co-worker's resume and did use verbiage directly from the job announcement, but we found he possessed the experience listed on his resume. The contracting officer admitted being careless with the application process because he was in a hurry to get his application submitted in time. The Veterans Affairs OIG confirmed the contracting officer was eligible for 30 percent disability status. The announcement in question was ultimately canceled.

As there was no identifiable violation of criminal statute, this matter was not presented for prosecution. We referred our report to BLM for information only.

This is a summary of an investigative report that was issued internally to the U.S. Department of the Interior. This summary was posted to the web on May 11, 2016.

