

In February 2011, the Advisory Panel made seven [recommendations](#) to the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board on actions the Board could take to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse of Recovery funds. The Board has reviewed the recommendations and taken the following steps to address them.

To address recommendations 1, 2, 3, and 4, the Board:

1. Created the [Overview of Funding Section](#) that:
 - a. Provides a [Breakdown of Funding](#) that details in charts and graphs on the distinct programs for the Recovery Tax Benefits, Entitlements, and Contracts, Grants, and Loans and the funds that have been paid out to each program.
 - b. Provides a separate subsection for [Tax Benefits](#) with links to Cumulative Information from the IRS on the Tax Benefits, specific reports from the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration on the management of Tax Benefit programs, reports from the Government Accountability Office on Recovery programs, and Definitions of Recovery Tax Benefits.
 - c. Provides a separate subsection on Recovery [Contract, Grant, and Loan awards](#) with links to federal agency Financial and Activity Reports, stories on Recovery projects, and specific Inspector General (IG) reports on the management of these awards.
 - d. Provides a separate [subsection on Entitlements](#) with links to the Financial and Activity reports for those federal agencies administering Entitlement programs under Recovery, IG specific reports on the management of Entitlement programs, and reports by the Government Accountability Office.
2. Added links to the specific reports by Tax Benefits, Contracts, Grants, and Loans, and Entitlement programs on the [Offices of Inspectors General landing page](#).
3. Added a link to the specific Recovery audits on Federal Audit Clearinghouse.

To address recommendation 5, the Board:

- a. Worked collaboratively with the IGs to identify more than 800 audits that have or are being conducted on Recovery Act programs and more than 500 that incorporate random or representative sampling.
- b. Presented the findings and other relevant information for all completed IG audits using random or representative sampling of Recovery Act programs in excess of \$1 billion.
- c. Sent a letter to the 29 IGs overseeing Recovery programs encouraging them to use random or representative sampling for audits and requesting that the IGs report back to the Board on audits of Recovery programs where random or representative sampling has been incorporated.

To address recommendations 6 and 7, the Board posted on Recovery.gov the Recovery programs expected to exceed \$1 billion with improper payment rates provided by the federal agencies. A link to paymentaccuracy.gov where the Office of Management and Budget displays improper payment rates by agency is also provided.