In a time overcharging scheme, a consultant or contractor misrepresents the distribution of employee labor on jobs in order to charge for more work hours, or a higher overhead rate to increase profit.

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Selected “Red Flag” Indicators of Time Overcharging

✓ Unauthorized alterations to time—cards and other source records
✓ Billed hours and dollars consistently at or near budgeted amounts
✓ Timecards filled out by supervisors, not by employees
✓ Photocopies of timecards where originals are expected
✓ Inconsistencies between consultant’s labor distribution records and employee timecards
✓ Frequent adjusting of journal entries with descriptions such as changed wrong “work order” or “contract number”
✓ Labor charges inconsistent with contract progress
✓ Personnel files that cannot be found or “found” after a delay
✓ Lack of a clear audit trail to verify propriety of labor charges

Contact OIG using any of the following methods:

Online complaint form: www.oig.dot.gov/dot-oig-hotline-complaint-form
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Note: The OIG Hotline is obligated to expeditiously forward all safety-related complaints to USDOT’s safety regulatory agencies for action, as appropriate.