



Office of the Inspector General

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To Lonnie Bunch, Director, National Museum of African American History and Culture  
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Richard Kurin, Under Secretary for History, Art, and Culture

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Subject Audit of Management of the National Museum of African American History and Culture – Funding and Budget Issues, Number A-13-02

We are initiating an audit of the management of the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) building project. This review will continue our ongoing audit presence to determine whether the Smithsonian has sufficient controls in place to keep the NMAAHC building project on time and within budget. In this phase, we will determine whether (1) management's funding plans align with the timing of projected expenses, and (2) management has a contingency plan should the Smithsonian not receive expected federal appropriations or private donations.

We will be contacting you to schedule an entrance conference to explain the objectives, scope, and methodology of the review. Joan Mockeridge will be the Supervisory Auditor and Michelle Uejio will be the Auditor-in-Charge for this assignment.

Please contact me or Joan Mockeridge at 202.633.7050 if you have any questions or comments.