

About This Report

The U.S. Department of State's *Agency Financial Report* (AFR) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 provides an overview of the Department's financial and performance data to help Congress, the President, and the public assess our stewardship over the resources entrusted to us. This report is available at the Department's website (www.state.gov/s/d/rm/rls/perfpt/2017/index.htm) and includes sidebars, links, and information that satisfies the reporting requirements contained in the following legislation:

- Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act of 1982,
- Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990,
- Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993,
- Government Management Reform Act of 1994,
- Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996,
- Reports Consolidation Act of 2000,
- Improper Payments Information Act of 2002,
- GPRA Modernization Act of 2010, and
- Grants Oversight and New Efficiency Act of 2016.



The AFR is the first of a series of two annual financial and performance reports the Department will issue. The reporting schedule includes: (1) an *Agency Financial Report* issued in November 2017; and (2) an *Agency Annual Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report* scheduled for release in April 2018. These reports will be available online at <http://www.state.gov/s/d/rm/c6113.htm>.

Note: Throughout this report all use of year indicates fiscal year.

Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting

In May 2017, the U.S. Department of State received the *Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting* (CEAR) from the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) for its Fiscal Year 2016 Agency Financial Report. The CEAR is the highest form of recognition in Federal Government management reporting. The CEAR Program was established by the AGA, in conjunction with the Chief Financial Officers Council, to further performance and accountability reporting. This represents the tenth time the Department has won the CEAR award. In addition, the Department's AFR was awarded the Platinum Award (1st Place) by the League of American Communications Professionals (LACP) for excellence within its industry. The LACP also ranked the AFR in their Top 50 Reports Worldwide (ranking at 16th overall from more than 6,000 entries). The LACP recognized our AFR for developing the Best In-House Report (Gold) worldwide.

