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To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: 18th Annual Awards Ceremony Photographs
Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2015 8:42:45 AM
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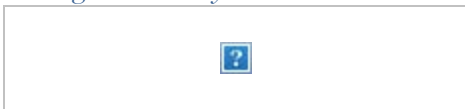
Good Morning,

The photographs from the 18th Annual Awards Ceremony is now available on the "Business side" of the website:

<https://www.ignet.gov/pcieecie/cigie/cigieannualawards.htm>

Thanks,

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From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: 2015 SES Performance Review Boards--Please Review and Update by Tuesday, August 11, 2015
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 6:22:29 AM
Attachments: [CIGIE PRB - FY 2014 - Final.docx](#)
[2014 SES PRB - Fed Reg.pdf](#)

In preparation for the upcoming SES 2015 performance appraisal cycle, on behalf of Ms. Fong, we request that the names and titles of the current Senior Executive Service (SES) membership be updated to reflect the officials who will be available to serve on 2015 Performance Review Boards (PRB). We are aware that several Council members do not have SES positions and therefore are not expecting a response from those members.

As you may be aware, each agency with SES members is required to establish one or more SES PRBs and publish the PRB appointments in the Federal Register. The Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, authorizes the OIG community to establish PRBs independently of their respective agencies.

The PRBs may convene as early as November to provide timely feedback of the initial SES performance appraisal. To ensure that the updated SES names and phone listings are available to each OIG, we request that you review the attached 2014 Federal Register notice (also provided in Word format) and submit any changes in names, titles, or office phone numbers of your SES staff by **Tuesday, August 11, 2015**. If you do not have any changes, please send that information as well. Submit your information to me at **(b) (6)** [@cigie.gov](mailto:(b) (6)@cigie.gov).

If you have questions regarding this request, please contact me via email or at **(b) (6)**.

Thanks very much.

Mark

***** This message has also been sent to the CIGIE liaisons.

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: A-130 - Appendices II and III for review -- SUSPENSE 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 19, 2015
Date: Monday, March 16, 2015 3:25:18 PM
Attachments: [DRAFT A-130 AppendixII 20140213.docx](#)
[DRAFT A-130 AppendixIII 20150312.docx](#)

The following is being sent on behalf of IT Committee Chair Kathy Tighe.

Hi, everyone. OMB has just provided to CIGIE for review a draft of Appendices II (Government Paperwork Elimination Act) and III (Security of Federal Information Resources) to OMB Circular A-130. The revisions to Appendix III contains the relevant parts of the implementation of the FISMA Modernization Act of 2014. OMB has asked for CIGIE's review prior to the drafts being circulated to the agencies. It has asked for our comments by COB this week. If you all could review the attached and provide any comments to (b) (6) [@ed.gov](mailto:(b) (6)@ed.gov) by 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 19, we will try for a unified CIGIE response. I understand that OMB is still working on a draft of A-130 itself and may have that available for review at the end of this week, but we may have only a short turnaround on that (but more time if we wait until it is sent out to the agencies). I also understand that Appendix I on Records of Individuals is being scaled down with much of the content being moved to a separate circular. OIRA is handling that part.

Note that our subject matter experts on the FAEC IT/Audits and Evaluations Subcommittee will be reviewing both documents and providing any comments."

Thanks, everyone. Kathy Tighe

From: Bales, Carol A. [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)@omb.eop.gov](mailto:(b) (6)@omb.eop.gov)]
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 1:23 PM
To: Tighe, Kathleen S.
Subject: A-130 - Appendices II and III for review

Hi Kathy,

Attached is the draft A-130 Appendix II on Government Paperwork Elimination Act. Also attached is the draft of Appendix III on Security of Federal Information Resources that I sent to you on Friday. I will share the additional sections of the draft A-130 with you just as soon as we have versions ready for review.

I look forward to receiving your feedback.

Thanks,

Carol

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Audit Committee August Newsletter
Date: Monday, August 17, 2015 6:21:12 AM
Attachments: [Aud Com Newsletter - August 2015.pdf](#)

Please find attached that Audit Committee Newsletter for August. Thanks

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Brookings Inst. on OIGs" return on investment
Date: Monday, May 4, 2015 6:53:21 AM

For your information.

Sometimes cutting budgets raise deficits: The curious case of inspectors' general return on investment

Paper | April 30, 2015 By: Grace Wallack and John Hudak

Offices of inspectors general (OIGs) are among the most underappreciated and overly criticized institutions in the U.S. government. Offices of Inspector General serve important functions: improving the effectiveness of government agencies while detecting and deterring instances of waste, fraud, and abuse. Often, these actions return taxpayer money to the government in excess of what was spent on the enforcement actions—generating a positive return on investment (ROI).

In assessing the benefits OIGs bring to government, this paper focuses on ROI—the most quantifiable metric of agency performance. Specifically, Hudak and Wallack examine the ROI among a number of OIGs and the enforcement division of the IRS. The paper offers several important contributions:

First, it details OIGs' role in government and the benefits they—and other revenue-positive entities—provide.

Second, it defines a clear and valid measure of ROI, addresses challenges that exist in calculating it.

Third, the paper provides data on ROI across several government agencies in ways that illustrate the value of specific institutions and allows for comparisons across those institutions.

Fourth, in order to understand how ROI functions at the agency level, the paper provides a case study of the IRS enforcement division and illustrates how budget cuts impact performance and other government-wide goals.

Finally, Hudak and Wallack offer recommendations in two areas: how to improve ROI reporting and how Congress can maximize its use of this important measure in budget and appropriations processes.

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Link to the full Brookings paper:

<http://www.brookings.edu/~media/research/files/papers/2015/04/30-inspectors-general-roi-hudak-wallack/cepnhudakwallackoig.pdf>

Link to the Brookings blog post about the paper, which is reprinted

below: <http://www.brookings.edu/research/papers/2015/04/30-inspectors-general-roi-hudak-wallack>

[roi-hudak-wallack](#)

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: CAO Council items
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2015 6:21:11 AM
Attachments: [acquisition-360-improving-acquisition-process-timely-feedback-external-internal-stakeholders.pdf](#)
[2015-4-14-FAI-Newsletter-Spring-2015.pdf](#)

The attached is being sent on behalf of Robert Erickson, Acting IG/GSA, and CIGIE's CAO Council Liaison.

Attachments:

- Memorandum for Chief Acquisition Officers and Senior Procurement Officials - "Acquisition 360 – Improving the Acquisition Process through Timely Feedback from External and Internal Stakeholders."
- Federal Acquisition Institute's spring quarterly newsletter.

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: CIGIE Access Letter
Date: Thursday, July 30, 2015 8:47:40 AM

The following is being sent on behalf of Michael Horowitz, CIGIE Chair, Allison Lerner, CIGIE Vice Chair, Kathy Buller, Legislation Committee Chair, and Steve Linick, Legislation Committee Vice Chair.

We have received over 50 responses so far regarding the proposed letter and there is a clear consensus to send the letter. Thank you for all the support. However, so that we can discuss during tomorrow's 11 am call the issue of listing the names of IGs on the letter, and to give the remaining 15 or so IGs a chance to respond, we are going to wait until Monday to send the letter to Congress. The 4 of us continue to believe it is very important to list the names of the IGs on the letter given the significance of the independence issue, the need for immediate action by congress, and the importance of maintaining the strong momentum and support that we have on this issue. We look forward to discussing this issue, and updating you on a number of positive developments since our call last week, when we speak at 11 am tomorrow.

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: CIGIE Monthly Meeting - 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 20, 2015
Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 7:02:16 AM
Attachments: [Agenda - January 20, 2015 - Draft.docx](#)
[Draft CIGIE Congressional Practices Handbook.pdf](#)
[Strategic Plan Assessment PWS 14-12-18.docx](#)

Good Morning,

Please find attached the draft Agenda for the January 20, 2015, CIGIE monthly meeting being held at

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Also,

attached are the performance work statement developed for the contracting of consulting services in connection with updating CIGIE's Strategic Plan and the draft Congressional Relations Handbook. The former is provided for information in relation to the topic CIGIE's Strategic Planning/Review, and the latter is provided for discussion, consideration, and approval, during the Legislation Committee Key Issues topic.

Additionally, if any members have items that they would like considered for discussion at this month's meeting or at a future meeting, please don't hesitate to raise those to me or one of the Executive Council members.

Thanks and we'll see you at the meeting.

Mark

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: CIGIE Monthly Meeting (Teleconference) Summary
Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 9:53:33 AM
Attachments: [CIGIE Minutes Meeting- 2-17-15 final.docx](#)

Folks,

Attached are the minutes from yesterday's teleconference. Thanks to Brett for pulling this together so quickly.

Mark

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: CIGIE Monthly Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 16, 2015
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2015 7:50:13 AM
Attachments: [Agenda - June 16, 2015 - Draft.docx](#)
[CIGIE IT Newsletter For June 2015 \(6-8-15\).docx](#)
[Project Proposal.Mobile Devices BYOD.DOC](#)
[Project Proposal.website security.doc](#)

Members,

Please find attached the Agenda for next Tuesday's CIGIE monthly meeting. For the first topic attached are two project proposals that will be presented for your consideration. **For the last discussion topic on the agenda, where a large block of time has been included, will be a principles only session.** Therefore, all other folks attending the meeting will be excused from the meeting after Committee updates. For members unable to attend the meeting, you may wish to request that your Deputy or other Senior Level official attend in your stead and act on your behalf or you may wish to designate a proxy for this session for any actions that may occur. In such an instance, please inform me of your designee.

Further, If any members have items that they would like considered for discussion at this month's meeting or at a future meeting, please don't hesitate to raise those to me or one of the Executive Council members.

Additionally, please find attached the IT Committee Newsletter for this month.

The meeting will be held at (b) (2), (b) (3)

Thanks

Mark

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: CIGIE Teleconference - 11:30 a.m., Friday, February 28, 2015
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 3:07:55 PM
Importance: High

IG Members,

As many of you know, Michael Horowitz, Steve Linick, John Roth, and Pat O'Carroll, testified at a hearing held by HSGAC on yesterday. During the hearing, Senator McCaskill had raised a couple questions relating to IGs pay/bonuses, how many OIGs are contracting out Financial Statement Audits, and a question relating to some IGs that do not conduct audits in accordance with Yellow Book standards not having peer reviews conducted on their offices. If you did not have an opportunity to see the hearing, you can watch the hearing video on HSGAC's website at - <http://www.hsgac.senate.gov/hearings/improving-the-efficiency-effectiveness-and-independence-of-inspectors-general> (Senator McCaskill's questions are located at 1 hour and 24 minutes into the video.)

Additionally, we have been informed that HSGAC, working with SJC staff, is trying to move forward promptly on an IG reform bill, perhaps introducing legislation as early as this week or next week. Thus, with the questions from Senator McCaskill and the expected bill, we have scheduled a teleconference for 11:30 a.m., Friday, February 27, 2015, to discuss these matters. Subsequently, CIGIE leadership will meet with HSGAC and SJC staff regarding the draft bill, and separately work towards addressing Senator McCaskill's questions.

Below is the call in information for the Teleconference:

- Telephone: (b) (2)
- Passcode: (b) (2)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

Mark

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: CIGIE Views Draft Letter on S.579 - Suspense Thursday, April 23, 2015
Date: Friday, April 17, 2015 10:11:59 AM
Attachments: [CIGIE Views S 579 - 4-17-15.docx](#)

Good Morning,

Please find attached the latest draft of the Views Letter regarding the proposed bill, Inspector General Empowerment Act of 2015 (S.579). We are seeking written edits or comments on the Views Letter by **NLT Thursday, April 23, 2015**. Please provide your comments to me at

(b) (6) [@cigie.gov](mailto:_____@cigie.gov).

Additionally, please note that the Views Letter is on the agenda for discussion at next Tuesday's Monthly meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

Mark

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: CIGIE-GAO Coordination Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Friday, March 13, 2015
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 11:08:49 AM
Attachments: [2015 Final Agenda CIGIE GAO Meeting.pdf](#)

CIGIE Members,

Please find attached the agenda for the subject meeting to be held at GAO on Friday, March 13. Similar to previous years, the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m., however, GAO is graciously hosting a morning networking session beginning at 8:30 a.m., prior to the meeting. The location of the meeting is:

U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO)
Room 1N37 (First Floor)
441 G Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20548

Thanks

Mark

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Committee Member Listing
Date: Wednesday, July 1, 2015 3:23:11 PM
Attachments: [2015 Committee Members - July 1 2015.xlsx](#)

CIGIE Members,

Attached is the listing of Committee members. This chart will be updated as additions and changes to the various Committees occur. If you do not see that you were included in a Committee for which you informed me of your preference, please let me know and I will work to have you added to that Committee. For those of you that may have missed my requests for your Committee preference or may have overlooked responding and have an interest in participating on one or more Committees, please let me know.

Thanks

Mark

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Congressional Letters Requesting Information from the IGs
Date: Monday, March 9, 2015 4:20:00 PM
Attachments: [\[Untitled\].pdf](#)
[\[Untitled\].pdf](#)

We have been apprised that some IGs may not have received a letter similar to the attached from Chairman Chaffetz and Ranking Member Cummings requesting information on open and unimplemented recommendations, among other items. Additionally, we understand from HOCR staff that this letter was to be sent to each of the IG. Thus, in case there may be other IGs that did not receive the letter from Chairman Chaffetz, we wanted to share this information.

Also, I wanted to mention that late last month Chairman Johnson and Chairman Grassley, sent a letter to all IGs requesting information on outstanding unimplemented recommendations, a report on each investigation involving GS-15 level or above employees, or equivalent; detailed description of whistleblower retaliation, among other information. I have attached a copy of this letter, as well, in case someone did not receive.

Thanks

Mark

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: DOJ OLC Opinion Regarding DOJ OIG Access to Certain Records - Issued July 23, 2015
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2015 12:28:08 PM
Attachments: [Access DOJ OIG executive summary of OLC Opinion.pdf](#)
[IG Act Opinion.pdf](#)

CIGIE Members,

As discussed at Tuesday's meeting, please find enclosed the DOJ OLC opinion regarding DOJ OIG's access to certain records that was issued today. Additionally, attached is DOJ OIG's executive summary of the this opinion.

Again, a teleconference will be held on tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. regarding this opinion. Below is the dial in information for the call:

- Telephone: (b) (2)
- Passcode: (b) (2)

Thanks

Mark

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Draft FITARA letter for Comment - Suspense Noon, Tuesday, February 10, 2015
Date: Friday, February 6, 2015 3:53:49 PM
Attachments: [OMB FITARA letter final draft.docx](#)

The following is being sent on behalf of IT Committee Chair Kathy Tighe.

To all OIGs who are part of CFO Act Agencies –

Attached for your review is a draft letter to OMB on the Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act of 2014 (FITARA). The letter highlights for OMB CIGIE's concerns with FITARA's enhancements to the authorities of the CIOs as they may impact the IG's independence in terms of budget, contracting, and hiring. The letter has been through both IT Committee and Executive Council review (and a few changes have been made to the letter as a result of this process) but as FITARA may impact all of you (with the exception of DOD OIG), we wanted to afford you all an opportunity to comment on the letter. Please also consider as you review this letter whether you can suggest any ways that OMB can implement FITARA without impacting OIG independence.

Please provide us any suggestions or concerns on the letter by noon Tuesday, February 10. We are having an initial call with OMB on FITARA most likely Thursday afternoon, February 12, so it would be great to have any suggestions for implementation by COB Wednesday, February 11. Please provide both comments to the letter and any suggestions for implementation to Ben Shapiro at

(b) (6) [@ed.gov](#).

Kathy Tighe

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Draft Letter in Response to Senator McCaskill's QFRs relating to IG Pay - SUSPENSE Thursday, June 11, 2015
Date: Monday, June 8, 2015 4:03:24 PM
Attachments: [Draft Response to Sen McCaskill.docx](#)

Members,

Attached is the draft letter in response to Senator McCaskill's QFRs relating to IG Pay. We are requesting that you provide any feedback, suggestions, or edits that you may have regarding this draft by **Thursday, June 11, 2015**. Please email your feedback to Allison Lerner (**(b) (6)** [@nsf.gov](#)), Ken Chason (**(b) (6)** [@nsf.gov](#)), and myself.

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Thanks in advance for your attention to this matter.
Mark

From: Mark Jones
To: cigie@list.nih.gov
Cc: cigie-liaisons@list.nih.gov
Subject: FITARA Legislative Fix (Suspense 3:00 p.m., Thursday, February 26, 2015)
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 1:15:06 PM
Attachments: [FITARA draft amendment.2.25.15.docx](#)
[ltr OMB FITARA FINAL 1.pdf](#)

The following and attached is being sent on behalf of IT Committee Chair Kathy Tighe.

Hi, everybody, as a follow-up to the letter sent to OMB on February 11, 2015, highlighting the potential impact of the Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act of 2014 (FITARA) on IG independence (as a reference, that letter is attached), a working group of OIGs drafted a proposed legislative fix. The proposed legislative language is attached, along with an explanation of the approach taken by the group.

Given that we anticipate members of the Senate will introduce an IG bill shortly, we wanted to canvass the IG community on the proposed legislative change. Please keep in mind that FITARA applies to only to civilian CFO Act agencies. Given the anticipated immediacy of action by the Senate, we would like any comments by 3:00 p.m. tomorrow, February 26, 2015. Please provide the comments to both [\(b\) \(6\) @ed.gov](#) and [\(b\) \(6\) @ed.gov](#).

Thanks for your prompt attention to this.

Kathy Tighe

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: FW: [CFO-DCFO] Controller Alert: Travel and Conference
Date: Friday, January 16, 2015 6:41:42 PM

Please see the following.

From: Mader, David [mailto:(b) (6)@omb.eop.gov]

Sent: Friday, January 16, 2015 5:29 PM

From: CFOs and Deputy CFOs [<mailto:CFO-DCFO@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>] **On Behalf Of** Mary Reding - MX

Sent: Friday, January 16, 2015 10:00 AM

To: CFO-DCFO@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV

Subject: [CFO-DCFO] Controller Alert: Travel and Conference

CONTROLLER ALERT: Travel and Conferences

Controller Alerts are designed to bring your attention to emerging financial management issues where the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) believes further action may be warranted, but do not constitute official guidance or include specific tasks for agencies beyond consideration of appropriate steps to address the issue. These Alerts are intended to make sure that the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) community is aware of key issues. This Alert includes notice to the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) because of reporting specific for Inspectors General. Additional Controller Alerts are available at ><https://max.omb.gov/community/x/ihXjJg><.

This Controller Alert provides clarification on travel and conference activity and supplies information on implementing OMB Memorandum M-12-12, *Promoting Efficient Spending to Support Agency Operations*, dated May 11, 2012 and incorporated by reference in the appropriations acts of 2013, 2014 and 2015 in section 3003 of Public Law 113-6, section 119 of Public Law 113-46, and section 739 of Public Law 113-235, respectively.

Clarification on Travel Reductions Required by M-12-12

Travel is often necessary for Federal employees to discharge their duties effectively; however as good stewards of Federal funds, agencies must do all they can to manage their travel budgets efficiently. Section 1 of M-12-12 requires each agency to spend at least 30 percent less on travel expenses (subject to certain exclusions) than in FY 2010 and maintain this reduced level of spending each year through FY 2016. This Controller Alert serves to reiterate that OMB is holding agencies accountable for the top line reduction numbers. Agencies are responsible for finding the right balance between reducing spending and meeting mission critical needs. If agencies have new mission critical travel needs not captured in the original FY 2012 travel reduction targets, OMB will entertain proposals for baseline adjustment.

Agencies are reminded that the quarterly reports to OMB on travel reductions are still required in FY 2015. OMB is currently creating a new OMB MAX site that will be used for reporting purposes, and will notify agencies when it is complete.

Clarification on Agency Approval Authority of Conference Expenses

Section 2 of M-12-12 requires Deputy Secretaries (or their equivalents) to approve the spending for all proposed new conferences to be sponsored or hosted by the agency (or by other Federal or non-Federal entities) where the net conference expenses by the agency will be in excess of \$100,000. Agencies are reminded that this authority can be delegated to a level deemed appropriate by the Deputy Secretary. By delegating the approval authority agencies have found that the approver is more familiar with the subject of the conference. Agencies are

still required to report on conference expenses on a dedicated place on the agencies' official website for conferences expenses in excess of \$100,000.

Additionally, Section 2 of M-12-12 prohibits agencies from incurring net expenses greater than \$500,000 from its own funds on a single conference unless the agency head determines that exceptional circumstances exist whereby spending in excess of \$500,000 on a single conference is the most cost-effective option to achieve a compelling purpose and provides a waiver from this policy. The grounds for this waiver must be documented in writing and included in the annual conference report posted on the agencies' official website. This authority may also be delegated to a level deemed appropriate by the Secretary. This does not apply to any conference-spending reporting requirements imposed by statute.

Pre-approvals for Recurring Events and Non-Government Sponsored Conferences

Each agency is responsible for implementing its own internal travel and conference policies, and each agency needs to achieve the right balance between reducing spending and meeting mission critical needs. As each agency reviews its travel and conference-related activities, it is critical to continue to recognize the important role that mission-related travel and conferences can often play in Government operations. To prevent lengthy and cumbersome review processes that could hinder an agency's ability to carry out their mission in an efficient and effective manner, agencies should pre-approve known reoccurring conferences and attendance at non-government sponsored conferences. Pre-approving an event does not exclude it from annual reporting requirements.

Clarification on Conferences Subject to M-12-12 Guidance

Agencies are reminded to consult the Federal Travel Regulation GSA Bulletin FTR 14-02 to determine events that meet the reporting requirements under M-12-12. Additionally the M-12-12 approval and reporting thresholds only apply to a single conference. It does not apply to a conference that occurs multiple times throughout the year. Such conferences should be considered separate events for approval and reporting purposes.

Please direct any questions to (b) (6) [@omb.eop.gov](mailto:omb.eop.gov)

From: (b) (6)
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: FW: 2015 CIGIE Awards Program Call for Nominations - SUSPENSE Friday, May 29, 2015
Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2015 9:03:23 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[CIGIEAwardCriteria.doc](#)
[CIGIE Database Instructions - 2015.doc](#)

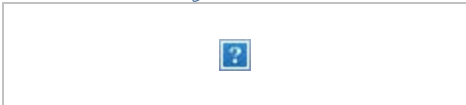
Good Morning,

This is a friendly reminder that the deadline for all nominations is Friday, May 29, 2015. The criteria and instruction for assessing the database are attached.

Thanks,

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Management Analyst



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From: Council of Inspectors General [mailto:CIGIE@LIST.NIH.GOV] **On Behalf Of** Mark Jones
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 9:48 AM
To: CIGIE@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: 2015 CIGIE Awards Program Call for Nominations - SUSPENSE Friday, May 29, 2015
The following is being sent on behalf of Kathy Buller and Kathy Tighe.

The Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) will begin accepting nominations for the 2015 CIGIE Awards Program on Wednesday, April 1, 2015. This year's awards ceremony is tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2015. We are presently working toward identifying a suitable location for the ceremony.

The deadline for all nominations is Friday, May 29, 2015. The award criteria and instructions for accessing the database are attached. Please review the award criteria closely before submitting nominations to ensure that all nominations meet the criteria for the category for which they are being submitted. The eligibility period for the accomplishments relating to the nominations is April 1, 2014, through March 31, 2015.

The CIGIE awards are to recognize the work of the OIG workforce and nominations are submitted by the respective Inspectors General. Therefore, Inspectors General are not eligible for these awards; however, if an Inspector General led or was part of a team for which the Inspector General would like to nominate for award, the team nomination may be submitted without the inclusion of the Inspector General(s).

Those offices submitting nominations for the Special Category Awards (e.g., Alexander Hamilton Award, Gaston L. Gianni, Jr., Better Government Award, etc.) have the option of submitting these nominations for both the particular Special Category Award and for an Award for Excellence category. OIG offices may submit no more than 1 (one) nomination per Special Category award. However, if the nomination is selected for a particular Special Category Award, the nominee will not receive an Award for Excellence. If choosing to submit a nomination for both awards, the nomination must be submitted twice in the database, once for each award. Additionally, nominating offices should consider the focus of the nomination statement for the particular award under which a nomination is submitted.

Additionally, for those submitting a nomination containing a nominee from another OIG, please notify the nominee's OIG office of your inclusion of this nominee in the award nomination that your office is submitting.

If you have questions about using the database, please e-mail CIGIE staff at [\(b\) \(2\) @cigie.gov](mailto:(b) (2)@cigie.gov) or contact them by telephone at [\(b\) \(2\)](tel:(b) (2))

We look forward to the participation of all Council members in this year's awards program. Please contact either of us if you have a recommendation for a keynote speaker or suggestions to improve the awards ceremony.

Thank you.

Kathy Buller Kathy Tighe

Inspector General Inspector General

Peace Corps U.S. Department of Education

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: FW: CIGIE Views Letter Regarding S. 579
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2015 9:35:40 PM
Attachments: [S 579 Views Letter_CIGIE Legislative Committee.pdf](#)

The following and attached is being sent on behalf of Legislation Committee Chair Kathy Buller.

Colleagues,

Attached is a copy of the CIGIE views letter regarding S. 579 (IG Empowerment Act) that we sent to the Chair and Ranking Member of the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee (HSGAC). We also copied the leadership of the House Oversight and Government Affairs Committee (HOCR).

Thank you for all of the valuable input and contributions that you provided.

Regards,

Kathy

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: FW: DOJ Legislative Proposal Regarding 6(a) of the IG Act
Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2015 3:35:27 PM
Attachments: [DOJ Legislative Proposal \(7-31-15\).docx](#)

Members,

DOJ has drafted the attached legislative proposal to fix Section 6(a) of the IG Act. We have heard from a couple members that this is being circulated through the Administration's clearance process. We wanted to inform you that DOJ has asked to work with CIGIE on the legislative fix to 6(a). Kathy Buller has provided to the Legislation Committee members the DOJ legislative proposal for comment/feedback. In the meantime, we wanted to provide a copy of the DOJ proposal to members. (b) (5)

Thanks
Mark

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: FW: For Review: SES Certification workgroup recommendations
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2015 5:35:48 AM
Attachments: [SES Certification WG Report Final June 2015.pdf](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

Folks with SES personnel systems,

Please see the below and attached that has been circulated for feedback to the CHCOs. If you would like to provide feedback, please provide that information to me by June 19, 2015, or provide it directly to [\(b\) \(6\)@opm.gov](#) at OPM by June 23, 2015.

Thanks
Mark

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Johnson, Justin R." <[\(b\) \(6\)@opm.gov](#)>
To: "CHCOC" <chcoc@opm.gov>
Subject: For Review: SES Certification workgroup recommendations

To CHCOs and Deputies via BCC:

Attached is a report of the interagency working group initiative to identify improvements to the Federal Government's SES Performance Appraisal System Certification process. This report summarizes the process and approach of the working group, which convened on a weekly basis between December 2014 and May 2015, and presents the recommendations they have identified to improve and streamline the certification process. This working group was formed after an initial interagency group of high-level officials (many of whom were agency CHCOs) met in February 2014 to discuss interagency concerns and strategic opportunities to improve the efficiency and value of the certification process while reducing administrative burden for agencies. As you may recall, this work was last discussed at the April 21 Council meeting.

Please review the report, particularly the recommendations of the workgroup for improving the certification process, and provide any feedback or further input to [\(b\) \(6\)](#) at [\(b\) \(6\)@opm.gov](#) <[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)@opm.gov](mailto:(b) (6)@opm.gov)> by no later than June 23, 2015.

Once the OPM program office has consolidated stakeholder input, the recommendations of the workgroup and the input of stakeholders will be presented to OPM Director Archuleta before proceeding with next steps, including immediate implementation of improvements that are administratively possible as well as longer-term revision to regulations.

Thank you,

Justin Johnson
Executive Director
Chief Human Capital Officers Council

Office of Personnel Management (OPM)
1900 E Street, NW, Suite 5H27
Washington, DC 20415

(b) (6)

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: FW: I&E Committee Newsletter
Date: Monday, August 17, 2015 1:28:32 PM
Attachments: [landE Newsletter August 2015.pdf](#)

For your information, attached is the Inspections and Evaluations Committee's August Newsletter.

From: Paola Merino
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: FW: Important - Draft IG Reform Bill
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 12:22:23 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

On behalf of *Jeffrey E. Schanz, Inspector General Legal Services Corporation.*

Paola Merino

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From: Jeffrey Schanz [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)@oig.lsc.gov](mailto:(b) (6)@oig.lsc.gov)]

Sent: Friday, February 27, 2015 11:14 AM

To: Paola Merino

Subject: letter

Importance: High

As we just discussed, please circulate to the entire community.

Jeffrey E. Schanz

Inspector General

Legal Services Corporation

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Washington, DC 20007

(b) (6); Fax (202) 337-6616

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: FW: Invitation to attend an SES Resume-Based Hiring Forum, at OPM on February 4, 2015
Date: Friday, January 23, 2015 2:13:43 PM

FYI – Please see the below announcement from OPM on subject.

Subject: Invitation to attend an SES Resume-Based Hiring Forum, at OPM on Wed. 2/4

Good afternoon,

In support of the President's Management Agenda (PMA) and in support of SES hiring reforms, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) will host a forum on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Campbell Auditorium located at 1900 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20415 on SES resume-based hiring. The forum will include a presentation, followed by a panel discussion, from agencies who were early implementers of the SES resume-based hiring method. The discussion will focus on the agencies' lessons learned, best practices, challenges faced, and tools that can assist agencies if they want to pilot this method.

Please register for this event at the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/senior-executive-service-resume-based-hiring-forum-tickets-15460115622>

If there is inclement weather on the day of the event and OPM releases an advisory (e.g., option for telework, delayed arrival, closure), the event will be rescheduled for a later date.

If you have any questions regarding this forum, please feel free to contact (b) (6) by telephone at (b) (6) or by email at (b) (6)@opm.gov or (b) (6) by telephone at (b) (6) or by e-mail at (b) (6)@opm.gov.

All the best!

Stephen T. Shih
Deputy Associate Director
for Senior Executive Services
and Performance Management
U.S. Office of Personnel Management
Tel. (b) (6)

From: (b) (6)
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: FW: Ken Konz passing
Date: Friday, April 24, 2015 3:21:15 PM

We are sad to report that Kenneth Konz died (b) (6)

[REDACTED]

From: Mark Jones
To: cigie@list.nih.gov
Cc: cigie-liaisons@list.nih.gov
Subject: FW: Leg. Committee June Newsletter
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 7:07:41 AM
Attachments: [Legislation Committee Newsletter June 2015.pdf](#)

For your consideration, attached please find the Legislation Committee's June 2015 newsletter.

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: FW: Leg. Committee June Newsletter
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 7:07:41 AM
Attachments: [Legislation Committee Newsletter June 2015.pdf](#)

For your consideration, attached please find the Legislation Committee's June 2015 newsletter.

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: FW: Legislation Committee proposal to DOJ Legislative Fix
Date: Monday, August 17, 2015 3:51:36 PM
Attachments: [Legislation Committee Newsletter August 2015.pdf](#)

For your information, attached is the Legislation Committee's August Newsletter.

From: Fontanesi, Chris [mailto:(b) (6)@peacecorps.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 3:32 PM
To: Mark Jones
Cc: Buller, Kathy
Subject: RE: Legislation Committee proposal to DOJ Legislative Fix

Mark,
For circulation, please find the Legislation Committee newsletter in attachment.
Thank you,
Chris

From: Mark Jones [mailto:(b) (6)@cigie.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 2:12 PM
To: Fontanesi, Chris
Subject: RE: Legislation Committee proposal to DOJ Legislative Fix

Okay, thanks.

From: Fontanesi, Chris [mailto:(b) (6)@peacecorps.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 2:08 PM
To: Mark Jones
Subject: RE: Legislation Committee proposal to DOJ Legislative Fix

Thank you, sir. We should have the newsletter for circulation by about 3:30 today as well.
With respect,
Chris

From: Mark Jones [mailto:(b) (6)@cigie.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 2:07 PM
To: Fontanesi, Chris
Subject: RE: Legislation Committee proposal to DOJ Legislative Fix

Chris,
I just sent it out.
Mark

From: Fontanesi, Chris [mailto:(b) (6)@peacecorps.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 1:45 PM
To: Mark Jones
Cc: Buller, Kathy; Ferrao, Joaquin
Subject: Legislation Committee proposal to DOJ Legislative Fix

Mark,
Kathy has asked that the text below (and attachment) be sent to the CIGIE IGs for their attention.
Thank you,
Chris Fontanesi

From: Fontanesi, Chris
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 12:49 PM
To: Buller, Kathy
Subject: Legislation Committee proposal to DOJ Legislative Fix

Colleagues,

As you know, last Thursday Chairman Grassley and 11 other Members asked that a proposed language for a legislative fix to the OLC opinion be provided to the Hill no later than August 28.

Towards that end, in attachment is the Legislation Committee's counter-proposal.

(b) (5)

we urge you to provide any proposed changes to the text in attachment by COB Thursday, August 20. Proposed changes should be sent to Chris Fontanesi

(b) (6) [@peacecorps.gov](mailto:peacecorps.gov).

Please note that, given the timeframe, we will likely not have an opportunity to circulate a new proposal for a second round of comments prior to sending our counter-proposal to DOJ.

Thank you,

Kathy A. Buller

Legislation Committee Chair

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: FW: Legislation Committee Update: IG Empowerment Act of 2015
Date: Friday, March 6, 2015 2:30:09 PM
Attachments: [Baldwin Johnson No 1 as modified to S 579.pdf](#)
[IG Empowerment Act 2015 Substitute Amendment.pdf](#)
[S 579 Johnson Amendment 1 - MIR15104.pdf](#)
[S 579 Johnson-McCaskill Amendment 2 - MIR15106.pdf](#)
[Sasse 1 to S. 579 IG Empowerment Act \(2\).pdf](#)

The following and attached is being sent on behalf of Legislation Committee Chair Peg Gustafson.

On Wednesday, March 4, the Senate's Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee (HSGAC) marked up and approved S. 579, the Inspector General Empowerment Act of 2015. The bill, as amended, was voted favorably (Unanimous Consent) out of Committee for further consideration on the Senate floor. During proceedings, the original bill was amended with a substitute version offered by the Chairman. The substitute amendment made some of the changes CIGIE requested during discussions with staff, but other changes were not incorporated due to time constraints or a desire to further consider our suggestions. A copy of the S.579's substitute amendments and additional amendments offered and agreed to during the markup is provided for your consideration.

CIGIE members will note the bill contains most of CIGIE's legislative priorities, to include Appropriate Use of Administrative Leave for an IG, Relief from the Computer Matching Act (CMA) and Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), Testimonial Subpoena Authority, and Technical Amendments to the IG Reform Act of 2008. A summary of the bill and amendments is as follows:

Section 2 of the bill is responsive to CIGIE's legislative priority to address Appropriate Use of Administrative Leave. The language mirrors CIGIE's proposal. Section 2 also strikes "general supervision" from the IG Act in context of the current authority that an Agency Head may exercise over an IG. (b) (5)

Section 3 of the bill seeks to provide additional authority to IGs. This section includes CIGIE's legislative priorities pertaining to the CMA and PRA and also provides IGs authority to issue subpoenas for testimony. The language was amended by Senator Sasse, expanding the explicit list of covered persons "to current or former contractor with the Federal Government, a current or former subcontractor (at any tier) of a contractor with the Federal Government, a current or former grantee of the Federal Government, a current or former subgrantee of a grantee of the Federal Government, a current or former employee of such a contractor, subcontractor, grantee, or subgrantee, and any former Federal Employee."

Section 4 of the bill seeks changes to matters under the purview of CIGIE. A technical change reflecting the current title of the IG of the Intelligence Community was included along with a requirement to submit CIGIE's annual report to the President to certain Congressional committees. Like H.R. 5492, a provision providing CIGIE a mediation role in disputes involving IG matters under the jurisdiction of more than one IG also was included (though narrowed in scope from H.R. 5492). Finally, prescriptive changes to the operations of the CIGIE Integrity Committee were proposed. Most notably, an IG member of the Integrity Committee would serve as the chair as opposed to the FBI, and investigations are directed to be conducted concurrently and in a coordinated manner with investigative bodies such as OSC. The Integrity Committee will be required to comply with established deadlines and congressional reporting requirements.

Section 4 also provides CIGIE additional authority for funding from the Treasury (funds not otherwise appropriated). The authorized funding amounts in the bill were changed by an amendment offered by Chairman Johnson and McCaskill.

Section 5 includes two reports that were carried forward from H.R. 5492--a GAO report on IG vacancies, and a CIGIE report analyzing cross-cutting projects. Many of the requests for information that IGs are currently addressing in response to a letter received from Chairman Johnson and Chairman Grassley also are codified in the

bill, requiring the information to be submitted in the Semi-annual Report to Congress.

Section 6 of the bill includes CIGIE's legislative priorities pertaining to technical amendments to the IG Reform Act of 2008.

In addition to the amendments noted in the above summary, there are two additional amendments that were agreed to by the Committee:

The Baldwin-Johnson amendment seeks to have IGs issue any report (work product) that includes a recommendation or suggestion for corrective action directly to the head of the entity or establishment. (b) (5)

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The other amendment, the Johnson-Baldwin amendment, seeks to clarify that IGs must publish their reports when the report is delivered as a final product to the agency or establishment, as opposed to "when the report is made public."

The Legislation Committee understands from staff that the bill likely will undergo additional revision before final passage in the Senate. In the interim, we anticipate the bill will be discussed with CIGIE membership at the March meeting and within the Legislation Committee to identify potential amendments to improve the bill. As always, please contact me directly with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. The Legislation Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, March 10 at 10:00 a.m.

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: FW: Letter to Senator McCaskill
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 5:59:30 AM
Attachments: [Letter to Senator McCaskill.pdf](#)

Good Morning,

Please find attached the signed letter in response to Senator McCaskill's QFRs relating to IGs pay. The letter was communicated to Congressional staff yesterday afternoon.

Thanks

Mark

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: FW: OMB Circular A-136 and Bulletin 15-02
Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2015 7:14:49 AM
Importance: High

The following is being sent on behalf of OMB.

From: Wetklow, Mike [mailto:Michael_S_Wetklow@omb.eop.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 5:09 PM

Mark

Could you please distribute this to the CIGIE, with special thanks to Mark Hayes and the FSAN?

Thanks

Mike

From: Wetklow, Mike

Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 5:07 PM

To: 'CFO Council Support'; CFO-DCFO@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV

Subject: OMB Circular A-136 and Bulletin 15-02

CFOC:

We are pleased to announce that the final version of OMB Circular No. A-136, *Financial Reporting Requirements*, and OMB Bulletin No. 15-02, *Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements* has been issued and is posted on the following website:

Circular A-136 Revised:

https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/assets/OMB/circulars/a136/a136_revised_2015.pdf

Bulletin 15-02: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/bulletins/2015/15-02.pdf>

Thanks again for all of your help.

Mike

Mike Wetklow

Office of Management and Budget | Branch Chief | Office of Federal Financial Management

(b) (6) | **(b) (6)** [@omb.eop.gov](mailto:omb.eop.gov)

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: FW: OMB Circular No. A-123, Management's Responsibility for Risk Management and Internal Control - First Draft
Date: Thursday, June 4, 2015 7:21:24 AM
Attachments: [A-123 6-3-15 Agency Comment.pdf](#)

The following is sent on behalf of David Mader.

From: Wetklow, Mike [mailto:[\(b\) \(6\)@omb.eop.gov](mailto:(b) (6)@omb.eop.gov)]

Attached is a first draft of OMB Circular No. A-123, Management's Responsibility for Risk Management and Internal Control. This is the first update to the Circular in over ten years. We ask that you review this draft with your Department/Agency Chief Financial Officers, Chief Information Officers, Chief Acquisition/Procurement Officers, Chief Human Capital Officers, Chief Risk Officers or equivalent, Chief Operations Officers, and Program Managers. A similar note will be provided to each CXO Council. Views and comments from these offices must be submitted to MAX (<https://community.max.gov/x/-4HVMw>). If you do not have a Max.gov account see below for additional information how to register for an account.

Please provide your agency views on this draft circular through MAX by 5:00PM Wednesday, June 24, 2015.

The draft is not for distribution outside of Federal Agencies.

Summary: OMB Circular No. A-123 defines management's responsibility for risk management and internal control. A re-examination of the existing internal control requirements for Federal agencies was initiated in light of the new Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government (better known as the [Green Book](#)) issued by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) on September 10, 2014. OMB Circular No. A-123 and the statute it implements, the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA) of 1982, are at the center of Federal requirements to improve accountability in Federal programs and operations. The revised OMB Circular No. A-123:

- Establishes requirements to demonstrate that an agency has a system of internal control based on GAO's [Green Book](#); and adopts additional guidance based on the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO);
- Introduces Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) to provide for more effective risk management and internal control in the Federal Government;
- Emphasizes the need to integrate and coordinate internal control assessments in support of mission delivery (e.g., Administrative Services, Financial Management, Human Capital, Information Technology, Procurement, and Performance Management);
- Reinforces corrective action planning requirements to ensure they address the root causes of control deficiencies and encourages collaboration with Offices of Inspectors General (OIG) in correcting control deficiencies;
- Streamlines internal control reporting by eliminating areas of overlap and duplication, while maintaining separate assurance on internal control over financial reporting; and
- Provides guidance for special topics including: service organizations, fraud risks, maintaining internal control in disaster situations, risk management for grants, and

compliance with the Anti-deficiency Act (ADA).

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(b) (2)) or phone (b) (2)

Thanks

Mike

Mike Wetklow

**Office of Management and Budget | Branch Chief | Office of Federal
Financial Management**

(b) (6) | (b) (6) [@omb.eop.gov](mailto:omb.eop.gov)

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: FW: OPM Memo Attached: Launch of the Governmentwide Database of Internal Federal Coaches
Date: Monday, June 15, 2015 3:20:02 PM
Attachments: [CHCO Memo on Federal Coaching Database Signed.pdf](#)

The following and attached sent to CHCOs is provided for your information.

From: Santiago, Octavio J.
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 10:48 AM
Subject: OPM Memo Attached: Launch of the Governmentwide Database of Internal Federal Coaches
Good morning CHCOs and Dep. CHCOs—
Attached is an OPM memorandum regarding the launch of the Governmentwide Database of Internal Federal Coaches. Per your convenience, this memorandum is also available at:
<http://www.chcoc.gov/transmittals/TransmittalDetails.aspx?TransmittalID=6779>
Any follow-up questions can be directed to Cassandra Brennan
(b) (6) @opm.gov; (b) (6) or (b) (6) (b) (6) @opm.gov; (b) (6)

All the best!

Octavio Santiago, Communications Coordinator
U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Employee Services

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: FW: Roll out of FISMA maturity model for continuous monitoring
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 5:20:49 PM
Attachments: [Final IG ISCM Maturity Model Level Definitions.docx](#)
[Final IG ISCM Maturity Model for FY 15 FISMA.docx](#)
[explanation of need for maturity model.docx](#)
Importance: High

The following and attached is being sent on behalf of IT Committee Chair Kathy Tighe.

Hi, everyone, we are finally good to go on the OIG maturity model metrics for continuous monitoring for our FISMA evaluations that are currently underway. Attached for your immediate use in your FISMA evaluations are the following (all attached): 1) the model itself that you should follow, 2) a list of definitions, and 3) a paper giving some background. Andy Patchan and Peter Sheridan of the FRB/CFPB OIG will host a telephone conference on June 2, from 1:30 to 2:30, to respond to questions on the model. The call in numbers are (b) (2) (b) (2) the conference code is (b) (2). If folks would like to go over to the FRB/CFPB OIG space, they can do that by contacting (b) (6) @frb.gov<[mailto:\(b\) \(6\) @frb.gov](mailto:(b) (6) @frb.gov)>. Many thanks to FRB/CFPB OIG as well as to the team of IT auditors from a number of OIGs who put this maturity model for continuous monitoring together. We look forward to the completion of this project for the remaining FISMA areas next year.

Kathy

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: FW: Slightly revised CIGIE Access Letter
Date: Friday, July 31, 2015 11:29:53 AM
Attachments: [CIGIE Access Letter.docx](#)

FYI - Didn't realize that this had not been transmitted to liaisons.

-----Original Message-----

From: Council of Inspectors General [<mailto:CIGIE@LIST.NIH.GOV>] On Behalf Of Horowitz, Michael E.(OIG)
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2015 10:13 AM
To: CIGIE@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Slightly revised CIGIE Access Letter

Folks,

In advance of the 11 am call, I wanted to circulate a final version of the letter to Congress based on comments (b) (5). Attached is the redlined version. As you will see, it tries to address comments raised by several IGs (b) (5)

Additionally, you will see a sentence at the end of the first paragraph (b) (5)

Given the access hearing scheduled for Wednesday, our plan is finalize the letter today for release on Monday morning. Look forward to speaking with everyone at 11 am.

Michael

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Fwd: CIGIE Access Letter
Date: Friday, July 24, 2015 11:11:00 AM
Attachments: [CIGIE Access Letter.docx](#)

This is the first draft of the letter Michael mentioned on the call drafted by Michael, Allison, and Kathy Buller. We are seeking comments by Monday. Thanks

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From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Fwd: Request CIGIE Feedback on Draft New Governmentwide SES Onboarding Survey
Date: Friday, April 24, 2015 5:42:35 PM
Attachments: [SES Onboarding Survey Draft.docx](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

For those OIGs with SES members, please see the below request from OPM seeking feedback regarding the attached draft survey prepared to gather information regarding SES on boarding. Please provide your feedback on the draft survey directly to (b) (6) at (b) (6) @opm.gov by May 11, 2015.

Thanks

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Shih, Stephen T." <(b) (6) @opm.gov>
Date: April 24, 2015 at 5:11:07 PM EDT
To: "Horowitz, Michael E.(OIG)" <(b) (6) @usdoj.gov>, "Mark Jones ((b) (6) @cigie.gov)" <(b) (6) @cigie.gov>
Cc: "(b) (6)" <(b) (6) @opm.gov>
Subject: Request CIGIE Feedback on Draft New Governmentwide SES Onboarding Survey

Hello Michael and Mark,

I am writing to request your help in obtaining feedback from CIGIE members on our initial draft for a new Governmentwide SES onboarding survey (attached), to be administered by agencies immediately after onboarding new senior executives. If possible, I would extremely grateful to receive feedback (provided to (b) (6) at (b) (6) @opm.gov) by May 11, 2015.

The objectives of this survey are to obtain information about the effectiveness of agency SES onboarding programs as well as to obtain information regarding the actual senior executives onboarding at agencies. We will use the results of the survey to help agencies ensure they have successful SES onboarding programs – informed by OPM guidance and agency best practices. We will also use the results to complement data we are regularly obtaining from our Governmentwide SES exit survey, and this will help inform agencies' workforce planning, succession management, recruitment, engagement, and retention of senior executives. We have collaborated with SEA, NAPA, and PPS on developing this draft.

Thanks for always being such a great partner and providing support on our work. Please let me know if you have any questions or wish to further discuss.

Best,

Steve Shih

Deputy Associate Director
for Senior Executive Services
and Performance Management

U.S. Office of Personnel Management

Tel. (b) (6)

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: I&E Committee newsletter
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 8:46:24 PM
Attachments: [landE Newsletter May 2015.pdf](#)

Folks,

Attached is this month's newsletter for the Inspections and Evaluations Committee.

Thanks

Mark

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: IC Newsletter - January 2015
Date: Friday, January 23, 2015 7:10:24 AM
Attachments: [IC Newsletter - January 2015.pdf](#)

Please find attached the Investigations Committee newsletter for January.

Thanks

Mark

From: [Council of IGs Liaisons](#) on behalf of [Beth Leon](#)
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Important: Updated Information for Virtual Participation in the FAEC Conference on September 4-5
Date: Thursday, August 30, 2018 10:07:07 AM

Updated information for participants from your OIG.

The 2018 Federal Audit Executive Council's Annual Conference will be held on September 4-5, 2018, at the Patent and Trade Office in Alexandria. Event information and the registration links (for physical or virtual attendance) can be found at

<https://www.ignet.gov/content/faec-2018-annual-conference> .

UPDATE FOR VIRTUAL ATTENDEES: If you have previously registered for virtual attendance, please note the virtual software platform has been upgraded to enhance your viewing experience. As such, please re-register for virtual attendance using the new link listed under the virtual registration button!

To virtually attend the conference, please use the following link:

<https://livestream.com/accounts/4828334/events/8341818>

CPE forms will be provided only upon receipt of full and accurate evaluation forms which must be received no later than 30 days following the close of the conference.

If you have any questions regarding registration, contact **(b) (6)** [@nrc.gov](mailto: [REDACTED]@nrc.gov) .

Thank you!

From: Council of IGs Liaisons on behalf of Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Investigations Committee Newsletter - December 2018
Date: Friday, December 7, 2018 8:19:31 AM
Attachments: [IC Newsletter - December 2018.pdf](#)

Attached is the Investigations Committee Newsletter for December 2018.

From: Council of IGs Liaisons on behalf of Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: IT Committee Newsletter - September/October 2018
Date: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 12:53:23 PM
Attachments: [CIGIE_ITNL_Sept18.pdf](#)

Attached is the CIGIE IT Committee Newsletter for September/October 2018.

From: [Council of IGs Liaisons](#) on behalf of [Mike Diavolakis](#)
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Just Released: CIGIE's Report on the Government Purchase Card Initiative
Date: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 12:43:03 PM
Attachments: [image002.jpg](#)
[image004.jpg](#)
[image006.jpg](#)

Good afternoon, Liaisons. Please share the below with your staff who might be interested in the subject report.

CIGIE has released today its *Report on the Government Purchase Card Initiative*. You can download the entire report from <https://www.ignet.gov/content/reports-publications>, where it is linked under the **List by Year** tab for 2018. Alternatively, you can directly open the PDF file by clicking on the cover below.

The full report discusses many topics, including the scope and methodology, but the objective, approach, and recommendation are listed below.

Objective

The objective of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) purchase card initiative was to analyze and review Government purchase card data to determine the risks associated with purchase card transactions.

Approach

To accomplish this objective, 20 participating OIGs reviewed Federal agencies that processed over 1.8 million purchase card transactions totaling over \$941 million from October 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017. The participating OIGs selected and then tested a random sample of 1,255 high-risk purchase card transactions of over \$1.3 million to identify transactions that were potentially illegal, improper, or erroneous.

Recommendation

To strengthen monitoring and oversight of purchase cards, OMB should remind agencies of their responsibilities over purchase card activities as detailed in OMB Circular No. A-123. Specifically, agencies should take steps to improve controls such as training, policies and procedures, separation of duties, and supervisory reviews to mitigate risks from potentially illegal, improper, or erroneous transactions.



Regards,

Mike Diavolakis

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From: Council of IGs Liaisons on behalf of Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Legislation Committee & Audit Committee Newsletters
Date: Monday, October 1, 2018 3:10:14 PM
Attachments: [Aud Com Newsletter - 10 2018.pdf](#)
[Legislation Committee Newsletter September 2018.pdf](#)

Attached are the Legislation Committee newsletter for August 2018 and the Audit Committee Newsletter for October 2018.

From: Council of IGs Liaisons on behalf of Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Legislation Committee Newsletter - October 2018
Date: Monday, October 29, 2018 9:29:54 PM
Attachments: [Legislation Committee Newsletter October 2018.pdf](#)

Attached is the Legislation Committee Newsletter for October 2018.

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Legislation Committee proposal to DOJ Legislative Fix - Suspense COB Thursday, August 20, 2015
Date: Monday, August 17, 2015 2:07:15 PM
Attachments: [LegComm Response to 7-31 DOJ Proposal_08142015.docx](#)

The below and attached are being sent on behalf of Legislation Committee Chair Kathy Buller. Please note that feedback should be provided to (b) (6) [@peacecorps.gov](mailto:(b) (6)@peacecorps.gov).

From: Fontanesi, Chris
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 12:49 PM
To: Buller, Kathy
Subject: Legislation Committee proposal to DOJ Legislative Fix
Colleagues,

As you know, last Thursday Chairman Grassley and 11 other Members asked that a proposed language for a legislative fix to the OLC opinion be provided to the Hill no later than August 28. Towards that end, in attachment is the Legislation Committee's counter-proposal. The Legislation Committee used the July 31 DOJ proposal as a starting point, amending the DOJ proposal on issues where there seemed to be consensus in the Legislation Committee for doing so. Given the short time frame provided (DOJ will likely circulate CIGIE's counter-proposal to agencies for comment), we urge you to provide any proposed changes to the text in attachment by COB Thursday, August 20. Proposed changes should be sent to Chris Fontanesi (b) (6) [@peacecorps.gov](mailto:(b) (6)@peacecorps.gov).

Please note that, given the timeframe, we will likely not have an opportunity to circulate a new proposal for a second round of comments prior to sending our counter-proposal to DOJ.

Thank you,

Kathy A. Buller

Legislation Committee Chair

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Letter From RM Carper to OMB Regarding IPERA
Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 3:18:18 PM
Attachments: [Senator Carper Letter to OMB IPERA Implementation.pdf](#)
[IPERA Compliance FY13 Assessment - WP Chart - Final.pdf](#)

Folks,

For your information, we wanted to share the attached letter, and accompanying enclosure, from HSGAC Ranking Member Carper to OMB, relating to the work of the OIG community on improper payments. This letter was mentioned during today's Legislation Committee meeting and some folks had not seen the letter. Thus, I wanted to get a copy to you so that you can distribute appropriately.

Thanks

Mark

From: [Council of IGs Liaisons](#) on behalf of [M. P. Leary](#)
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Live Stream of Carter Center Library 40th Anniversary of the IG Act Commemoration today
Date: Friday, October 12, 2018 7:54:38 AM
Attachments: [image001.gif](#)

All:

<https://m.facebook.com/CarterPresidentialLibrary/> will carry live stream coverage of the Atlanta event today. Please disseminate this announcement to any of your offices who might be interested. Thanks,.

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Michael P. Leary
Executive for Strategic Planning
Council of Inspectors General for Integrity and Efficiency
(CIGIE)

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From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Ltr from Chairman Grassley and 11 other members regarding Access
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 7:42:10 PM
Attachments: [2015-08-13 CEG et al to DOJ and DOJ OIG \(IG Access\).pdf](#)

Please see the attached letter issued today by several members of Congress to DOJ and DOJ/OIG regarding access to information.

From: [Council of IGs Liaisons](#) on behalf of [Brett Wilson](#)
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Monthly membership meetings in CY2019 - Save the date!!!
Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 11:35:05 AM

Our monthly membership meetings will continue to be held in (b) (2), (b) (3) starting at 10:00 a.m.

Please save these dates for the meetings:

January 22, 2019 (Note this is the 4th Tuesday, not the 3rd Tuesday of the month)

February 19, 2019

March 19, 2019

April 16, 2019

No meeting in May due to IG Conference currently scheduled for May 16-17, 2019 in Richmond

June 18, 2019

July 16, 2019

August 20, 2019

September 24, 2019

No meeting in October due to Awards Celebration currently scheduled for October 15, 2019 at the Reagan Auditorium

Meetings in November and December will be announced later.

Brett Wilson

Administrative Officer

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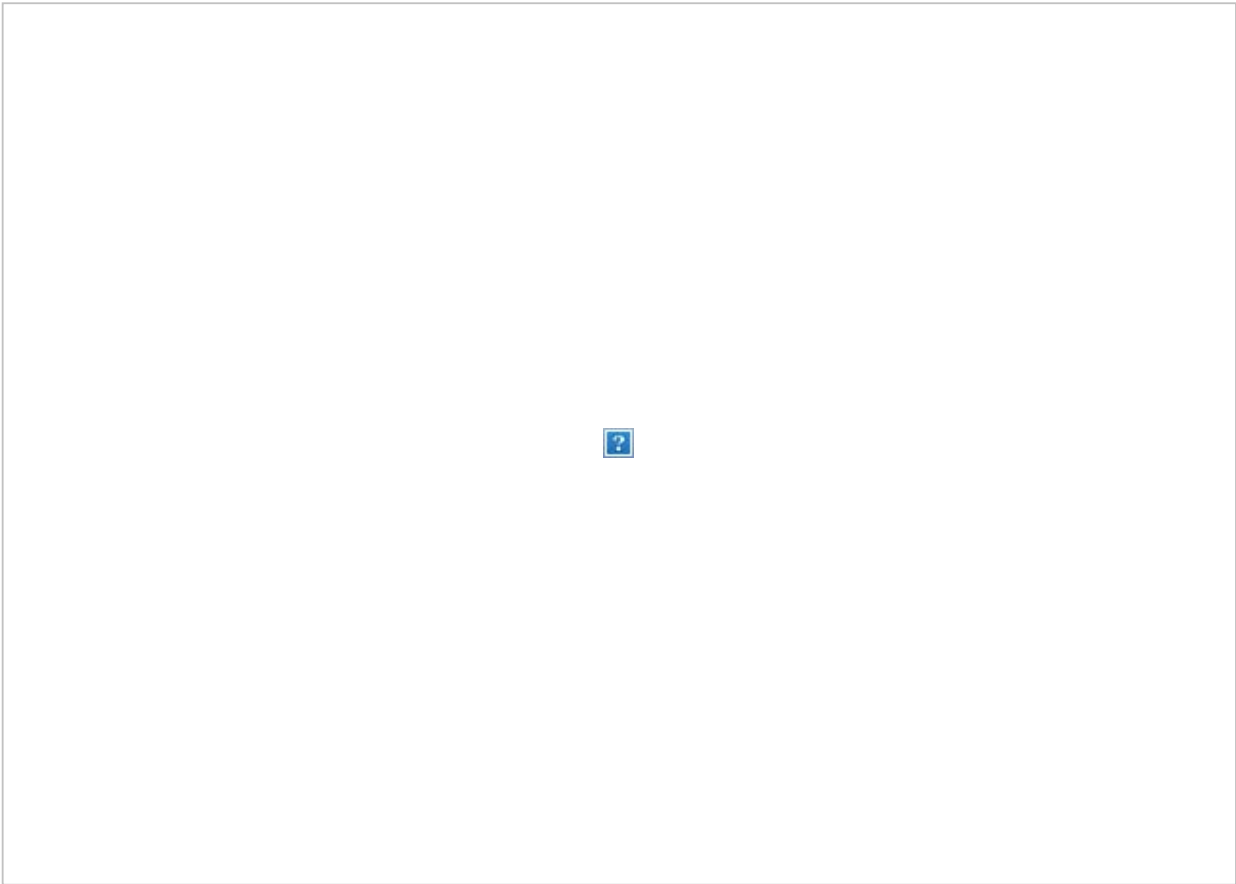
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From: [Council of IGs Liaisons](#) on behalf of [Mike Diavolikis](#)
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: NSA IG The Honorable Robert Storch on Government Matters (and a call for interview proposals)
Date: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 1:49:21 PM
Attachments: [image002.jpg](#)
[image004.jpg](#)
[image011.jpg](#)
[image012.jpg](#)
[image001.jpg](#)
[Form - Government Matters.pdf](#)
[OIG Appearances on Government Matters as of 08-22-2018.pdf](#)

CIGIE Liaisons,

Last week, I sent the below e-mail about two new OIG appearances on Government Matters. Since then and on last Thursday, National Security Agency IG Robert Storch appeared on the show to discuss the importance of transparency, whistleblowers, and communication at the intelligence organization. His appearance not only marked the third interview of a member of our community on the show last week, but he's the tenth IG to be interviewed on the program. You can view his interview by clicking on the screenshot below.

The next IG segment is **Tuesday, September 11**. If your IG or a senior official in your office would like to appear on the show, please return the attached form by **Friday, August 31**. See my e-mail below for more information. Please share this with your staff. Thanks!



Regards,
Mike Diavolikis

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From: Mike Diavolikis

Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 3:53 PM

To: OIG-PUBLICAFFAIRS@LIST.NIH.GOV

Subject: Two new OIG appearances on Government Matters and a call for interview proposals

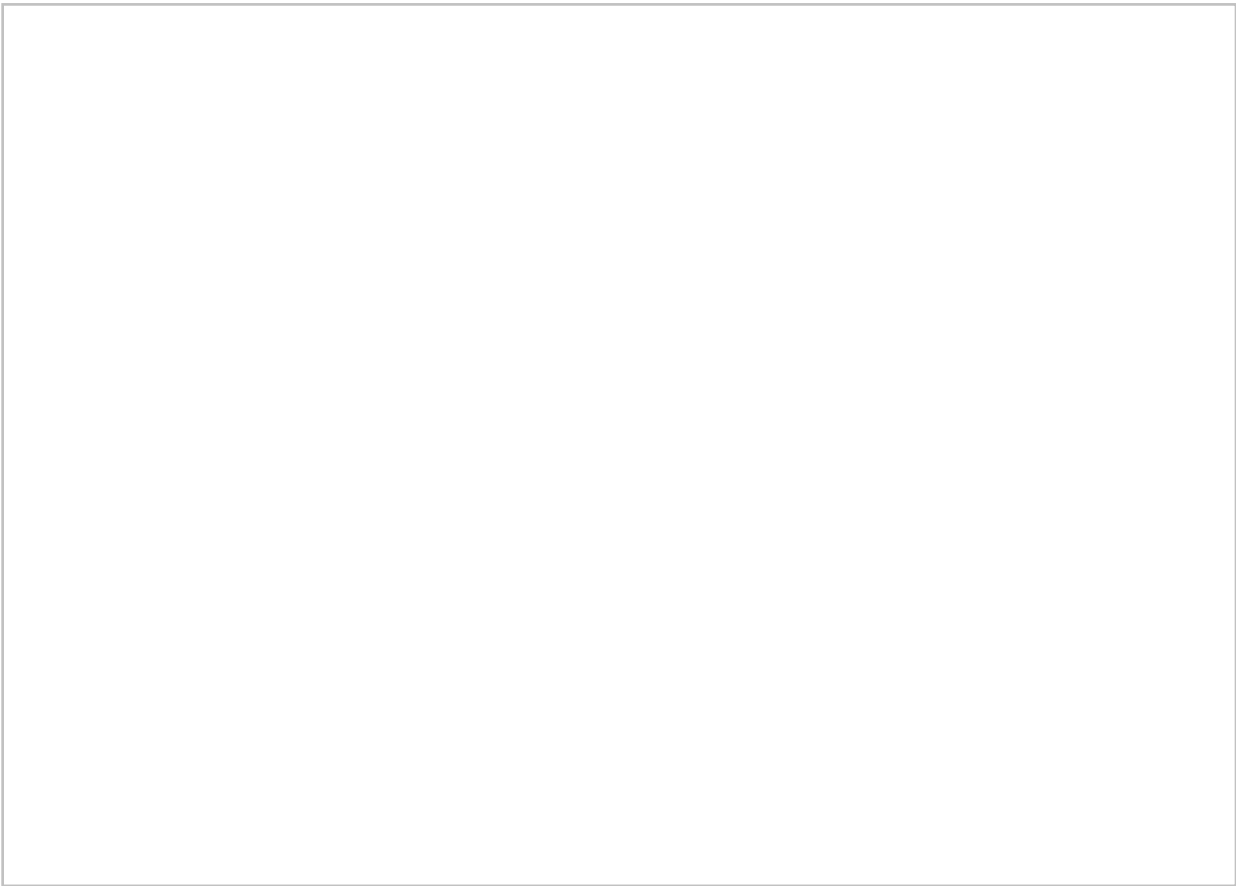
OIG Public Affairs Colleagues,

Good afternoon, everyone. If your IG or other staff member would like to highlight a recent topic, report, audit, or investigation on Government Matters, please complete the attached form. Please share this with your staff.

The next IG segment is **Tuesday, September 11**. Therefore, please return the form by **Friday, August 31**. If your IG or other staff member isn't available for the taping and airing on September 11, he or she is welcome to schedule another day, just let me know what days are convenient for your official. The non-confrontational interviews on Government Matters are an easy way to advance your public affairs campaigns.

This past week, two OIG officials appeared on the program to highlight recent publications from their office. You can click on the screenshots below to view their interview.

On Sunday, August 12, Troy Meyer, Assistant IG of Audit at the DoD OIG, discussed the more than 1,500 open recommendations in DoD OIG's 2018 open recommendations compendium. Yesterday, Charles Brunton, Program Analyst at EPA OIG, discussed a report on management weaknesses during the Flint, Michigan, water crisis. Please view their interviews to learn more.



As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thanks!

Regards,
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From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: PDC Newsletter for July
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2015 3:00:01 PM
Attachments: [PDC Newsletter - July 2015.pdf](#)

Please find attached the Professional Development Committee's Newsletter for July.

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Peace Corps OIG Statement Regarding OLC Opinion
Date: Friday, July 24, 2015 4:05:18 PM

FYI – Peace Corps OIG issued this statement - [Peace Corps Office of Inspector General Reacts to DOJ IG's Statement on IG Access Issues](#)

From: [Council of IGs Liaisons](#) on behalf of [M. P. Leary](#)
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Photo signing tomorrow
Date: Monday, August 20, 2018 4:21:44 PM
Attachments: [Outlook-a1oxk24v.png](#)

All:

Michael Horowitz wanted to put together a gift for President Carter to commemorate our 40th anniversary. The SEC printed and matted a photo of the IGs with a short message. The idea is that as many of the IGs as possible will sign the matte, and then it will be framed. The photo will be at the meeting tomorrow and then held at CIGIE for a few weeks until sometime in September for drop-in signings by those who miss the meeting. Please plan to arrive a little early to sign the photo or stay a few minutes afterwards. Let me know if you have any questions.

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Michael P. Leary
[Executive for Strategic Planning](#)
[Council of Inspectors General for Integrity and Efficiency \(CIGIE\)](#)

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From: [Council of IGs Liaisons](#) on behalf of [Tracy Brown](#)
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Photos with President Carter
Date: Friday, December 14, 2018 12:07:34 PM
Attachments: [Photos with President Carter.jpg](#)
[Photos with President Carter\(2\).jpg](#)

CIGIE Members –

It is our pleasure to share with you these pictures of VA IG Michael Missal and DOJ IG and CIGIE Chair Michael Horowitz presenting President Jimmy Carter with the signed photo of federal Inspectors General we created ahead of the 40th Anniversary celebration in Atlanta. It was a wonderful event and we are grateful to have had the opportunity to share this memento with President Carter.

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From: Council of IGs Liaisons on behalf of Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Placeholder for CIGIE in OIG FY 2020 Budget Submissions
Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 6:33:26 AM
Attachments: [image002.jpg](#)
[image004.jpg](#)

IG Members,

As many of you are in the midst of preparing your FY 2020 budget submissions, we wanted to provide you with information to calculate and include in your submissions the statement regarding CIGIE funding support as provided by the IG Reform Act of 2008. Based on a determination of the Executive Council, we ask that you please use a rate of 0.26% in calculating the amount for CIGIE support in your FY 2020 budget submissions.

Please contact me or Brett Wilson (b) (6) if you have any questions regarding the above.

Thanks

Mark

(b) (6)

Mark D. Jones
Executive Director



From: [M. P. Leary](#)
To: OIG-PublicAffairs@list.nih.gov; CIGIE-liaisons@list.nih.gov
Cc: [stephanie.logan](#); [carol.f.choa](#); [Berry, David P.](#); [Mark Jones](#)
Subject: Press Release for Carter Center event
Date: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 3:49:34 PM
Attachments: [10-10 Atlanta Press Release - Carter Center Event.pdf](#)
[Outlook-t0qrcrv3.png](#)

All,
Attached is the press release for this Friday's event at the Carter Presidential Center in Atlanta, Georgia, to commemorate the impact of federal Inspectors General (IG). We ask that you disseminate as widely as possible, particularly for those of you with a presence, in the Atlanta region. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Thanks,

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From: [Council of IGs Liaisons](#) on behalf of [M. P. Leary](#)
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: 2018 Annual Performance Plan Questionnaire
Date: Thursday, July 26, 2018 4:40:12 PM
Attachments: [image002.gif](#)

Thanks Walter. Will do.

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

From: Bayer, Walter Office of the Inspector General <(b) (6)@ssa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2018 16:01
To: M. P. Leary; cigie-liaisons@list.nih.gov
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: 2018 Annual Performance Plan Questionnaire

Mike,

I hope all is well.

Please see our response to this questionnaire.

Should you have any questions at all, please contact me.

Thanks,

Walt

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From: Council of IGs Liaisons [mailto:CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV] **On Behalf Of** M. P. Leary
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2018 9:40 AM
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: 2018 Annual Performance Plan Questionnaire

All,

We have a week before the Annual Survey suspense date of July 27th. I remain open and available for any questions you might have. Feel free to return the survey early if your agency has completed it.

In responding to the survey questions, I encourage you to think broadly when responding to those questions relating to initiatives CIGIE has engaged or currently is engaged, for example the Purchase Card Initiative; Top Management and Performance

Challenges Report; Critical Issues Involving Multiple OIGs Report; Vulnerabilities and Resulting Breakdowns: A Review of Audits, Evaluations, and Investigations Focused on Services and Funding for American Indians and Alaska Natives; Oversight.gov; as well as others. Your responses will help CIGIE build upon its strategic planning and assist in further refining a survey for future years. Thanks,

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Michael P. Leary
Executive for Strategic Planning
CIGIE

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From:

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To:

Mark Jones: (b) (6)

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CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV

Subject:

RE: 2015 CIGIE Awards Results -- ACTIONS REQUIRED - SUSPENSE August 14, 2015

Date:

Monday, August 10, 2015 12:49:32 PM

Attachments:

[Plaque\(s\) Ordering Instructions 2015.doc](#)

[Plaque\(s\) OrderForm 2015.doc](#)

Hello,

Please see the attached plaque ordering instructions and form.

Thanks,

(b) (6)

From: Mark Jones

Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 12:21 PM

To: (b) (6)

Cc: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV

Subject: 2015 CIGIE Awards Results -- ACTIONS REQUIRED - SUSPENSE August 14, 2015

The following is being sent on behalf of Mr. Mark Jones.

Hello All,

The decisions for the 2015 Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency awards are now final. To view the results for your agency, please log into the CIGIE awards database, select "Reports" and run the "Agency Approval Report." This report will provide a list of the nominations submitted and the status (**approved or not approved**) of each.

PLEASE NOTE: Your agency is responsible for letting individuals know that they are receiving an award, especially those who are part of a group. This applies to individuals from your agency AND individuals from other federal, state, or local agencies.

So we can meet our publication and plaque ordering deadlines, **please complete the following steps no later than, Friday August 14, 2015:**

1. Carefully review all of the approved nominations in their entirety. It is very important to verify the nominee names, titles, and the citations because that information will be used for the program booklet and the plaques. Since the system is now locked, please contact (b) (2) if you need to make changes, and provide the control number for each award. You will be given access to the system to make the changes. **When the changes have been made, please reapprove the nomination.**
2. Review the "Agency Plaque Report" (notify us if you have any questions or concerns) then complete the attached plaque order form, and email it to (b) (2). **Only one order form per agency, please!**
3. Identify one person, for each group and individual award, who will accept the plaque on stage. When you receive the automatically generated "request for acceptor" email, please update the CIGIE awards database acceptance site with the name,

phonetic pronunciation, phone number, and email address of the accepter. Instructions for access to the CIGIE award acceptance site are provided in the email.

4. Only one plaque will be presented at the ceremony for each group award. If you wish to acknowledge individuals who are part of a group, additional plaques can be ordered by the agency **after the ceremony**. (See the attached ordering instructions for more information.)

Thank you and congratulations to all the award recipients!

If you have any additional questions, please contact (b) (6) @cigie.gov at (b) (6) or me if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Mark

(b) (6)

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Re: 2015-06-07 FOIA request for all OIG reports
Date: Monday, June 15, 2015 3:20:24 PM

Folks,

We wanted to follow up on the earlier email we sent regarding subject.

CIGIE's counsel consulted with DOJ's Office of Information Policy (OIP) regarding the below FOIA request. OIP's guidance was that it would be a reasonable response for OIGs to refer the requester to the OIGs individual websites. (b) (5)

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Mark

From: Mark Jones
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 3:17 PM
To: 'cigie@list.nih.gov'
Cc: 'cigie-liaisons@list.nih.gov'
Subject: FW: 2015-06-07 FOIA request for all OIG reports
Good Afternoon,

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Thanks

Mark

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Sunday, June 07, 2015 4:29 AM

To: FOIA@usaid.gov; foiarequests@amtrak.com; Jeanne.M.McLaughlin@frb.gov; Info ARC; lcondelu@aoc.gov; cpsec-foia@cpsec.gov; FOIASubmissions@cftc.gov; foia@cns.gov; foia@dodiis.mil; alison.decker@oig.usda.gov; FOIA@oig.doc.gov; EDFOIAManager@ed.gov; FOIA-Central@hq.doe.gov; DHS FOIA; foia@doioig.gov; oigfoia@usdoj.gov; foiarequest@dol.gov; oigfoia@state.gov; FOIARequests@hudoig.gov; MRUFOIA.Requests@usdoj.gov; foia@oig.hhs.gov; OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil; TreasFOIA@treasury.gov; vaoigfoia-pa@va.gov; FOIA@eeoc.gov; foia@exim.gov; foiaofficer@fca.gov; FOIA@fcc.gov; efoia@fdic.gov; foia; FOIA@fhfa.gov; OIGemail@cpb.org; hotline@oig.dot.gov; OIG_FOIA@epa.gov; hotline@oig.doc.gov; HAVAinfo@eac.gov; oigmail@flra.gov; FOIA@fmc.gov; foia@ftc.gov; gsa.foia@gsa.gov; FOIA@lsc.gov; foiaoig@hq.nasa.gov; foia@nara.gov; oigmail@ncua.gov; foia@arts.gov; oig@neh.gov; foianga@nga.mil; sevans@nsf.gov; foiarsc@nsa.gov; FOIA.resource@nrc.gov; foia@opm.gov; foia@peacecorps.gov; dni-foia@dni.gov; RecordsRequest@gao.gov; gpoig hotline@gpo.gov; OIGHOTLINE@nlrb.gov; nro_oig@nro.mil; Chase.Michelle@pbgc.gov; prc-ig@prc.gov; foiapa@sec.gov; hotline@oig.rrb.gov; foia@sba.gov; oig hotline2@oig.si.edu;

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Subject: 2015-06-07 FOIA request for all OIG reports

FOIA request for all OIG reports

Submitted: 2015-06-07

Dear Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) officers for the Offices of Inspector General (OIG) for the Agency for International Development, Amtrak, Appalachian Regional Commission, Architect of the Capitol, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System/Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Central Intelligence Agency, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Corporation for National and Community Service, Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), Denali Commission, Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce (DOC), Department of Defense, Department of Education, Department of Energy, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Justice, Department of Labor, Department of State, Department of the Treasury, Department of Transportation, Department of Veterans Affairs, Election Assistance Commission, Environmental Protection Agency, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Export-Import Bank of the United States, Farm Credit Administration, Federal Communications Commission, Federal Communications Commission, Federal Communications Commission, Federal Housing Finance Agency, Federal Labor Relations Authority, Federal Maritime Commission, Federal Trade Commission, General Services Administration, Government Accountability Office, Government Publishing Office, Legal Services Corporation, Library of Congress, Library of Congress, National Archives, National Archives, National Endowment for the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, National Labor Relations Board, National Reconnaissance Office, National Science Foundation, National Security Agency, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Personnel Management, Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, Peace Corps, Peace Corps, Postal Regulatory Commission, Railroad Retirement Board, Securities and Exchange Commission, Small Business Administration, Smithsonian Institution, Social Security Administration, Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program, Tennessee Valley Authority, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, U.S. Capitol Police, U.S. International Trade Commission, and U.S. Postal Service:

This letter is a formal FOIA request for:

1. **a spreadsheet of every report ever made by your office** (or any predecessor office), in **native electronic format** (as below), **including all metadata (e.g. the report's ID number, title, date, etc), general subject matter, URL of any publicly available version, and any FOIA exemptions invoked**
 - a. For this entire request, **"report" should be broadly construed to include audit reports, inspection reports, evaluation reports, periodic reports, etc.** "Agency" and "office" likewise should be broadly construed to include

any entity covered by the FOIA.

2. the **title, introduction, and table of contents** pages of every such report
3. the **entire contents** of every such report
4. every document **referred to** in every responsive document (e.g. any referenced guides, manuals, attachments, appendices, etc.)
5. **all court orders and opinions** (including concurring and dissenting opinions), **statements of policy, interpretations, administrative staff manuals, and instructions to staff** *responding or referring to any* responsive document, *regardless* of their publication status
6. *all parts of every otherwise responsive document (i.e. no portion of a document with some responsive portion may be considered "non-responsive")*
7. **all document metadata** for *all* responsive documents, such as dates on which they were drafted, passed, went into effect, withdrawn, or similar events; person(s) / office(s) responsible; authors; document IDs; revision numbers; etc.
8. **all correspondence relating to the fulfillment of this request, all prior FOIA and/or Privacy Act requests made by me** (including, but not limited to, all emails mentioning request identifiers and all FOIA request certification forms, including documentation of search parameters used), **and all prior FOIA and/or Privacy Act requests made by any other person that cover any documents responsive to this request**, and
9. a detailed *Vaughn* index / privilege log of all documents claimed to be exempt in whole or in part.

This request specifically **excludes any documents which have been already provided to me, or published online for free** (e.g. on the agency's online "reading room"), **in full or identically to the form that would be provided to me under this request** (i.e. with exactly the same redactions). **This is only an exclusion on providing documents under this request that are identical to those already provided or available online, and does not apply to the index requested as item 1.** If this exclusion would in any way increase the cost or duration to respond to this request, it is to be ignored to the extent it does so.

This request is to be treated as a *separate* request from all others that I have filed.

Please prioritize, in order:

1. item 1, for documents dated on or after January 1, 2000, most recent first
2. item 2, for documents dated on or after January 1, 2000, most recent first
3. all other documents, most recent first

However, items 6 and 7 apply universally (prioritized at the same level as the document they apply to), and item 9 applies on a rolling basis to any documents assessed.

Please note that I **intend file this request at the beginning of every month**, in order to ensure that all new reports are disclosed. If you wish to enter into an agreement to reduce the burden on your agency of processing such requests, such as by proactive release or standing request, please let me know. **I would prefer that you proactively release such documents**, but as you are not generally obliged to honor a "standing request", I will have to do so unless you agree to some reasonable stipulation on this matter.

With the possible exception of the *Vaughn* index / privilege log, this request **does not ask you to create new documents**. If you determine that a response would require creating a new document that you do not want to create, please **first contact me by email** with an explanation of what documents you have that would most closely match the information requested and might be acceptable substitutes, so that we can reasonably tailor the request.

Please note that the FOIA requires you to service the maximum extent of my request that can be done via e.g. **partial redaction of exempt material**. If you believe some *portions* of a document to be exempt because it contains Sensitive Security Information (SSI, [49 CFR 15 & 1520](#)) or or classified information ([18 USC 798](#)), please provide a version of the document **redacted to the minimum extent necessary to remove exempt information** (e.g. per [49 CFR 1520.15](#)), along with adequate information to **describe the reason for each specific exemption**.

In order to help tailor my request, please **provide an upfront estimate of the time and cost it will take to complete this request**, broken down any significant factors that would affect cost to service, number of documents in each category, and your estimate of how many documents in the category are likely to be exempt.

Please provide me with **incremental updates**, with updated estimates for fulfillment of the remainder, rather than having the entirety of the request be blocked until fully completed.

Please **respond to this request in using native format, electronic, machine-processable, accessible, open, and well structured documents** to the maximum extent possible. This means, e.g.,

- **native format** documents rather than PDFs or other conversions,
- **individual PDFs per distinct document** (including separate emails), named clearly using the document's identifier, title, and date, rather than a single file containing multiple concatenated documents,
- documents complaint with the Rehabilitation Act § 508, [36 CFR 1194.22](#), [USAB ATBCB-2015-0002](#), and [ISO 14289-1](#),
- **fully digital text PDFs** rather than scans or rasterizations,
- **blackout** rather than whiteout redactions,
- **digital redactions** rather than black marker or rasterization,
- lists and structured data as **machine-processable spreadsheets** (e.g. CSV, SQL, XSL) rather than word documents (e.g. DOC, PDF, TXT, RTF) or partial printouts

(e.g. PDF),

- **open format documents** (e.g. PDF, AVI, MPG) rather than proprietary format documents (e.g. WordPerfect, Microsoft Advanced Systems Format (ASF)),
- **scans** rather than paper copies,
- **digital audio/video files** rather than physical tapes,
- **upload to your Electronic Reading Room** (or other publicly accessible server) rather than personal transfer,
- **email or (S)FTP file transfer** rather than CD,
- **email correspondence** rather than physical mail, etc.

Please note that this request **does not request that you physically "duplicate" records**, as I do not want you to create any paper or other physical copy for me — I only want *electronic* versions (or scans, for documents that are not fully available in electronic form). As such, I expect there to be no duplication related costs.

I am willing to pay up to \$10 in servicing this request, provided that a detailed listing of the exact costs and their statutory justification is provided. I may be willing to pay more money if it is necessary; please send a detailed explanation of the costs and their statutory justification. In the meantime, please service the maximum extent of the request that can be done for \$10, prioritizing documents as above.

This request is a qualified request for journalistic, public interest purposes (entitling me to fully waived fees). **As such, I request public interest fee waiver and journalistic fee waiver.**

1. I have **no commercial interest** in these records.
2. I am a **representative of the news media** and entitled to waiver of all search fees.

I intend and am able to host and publish all received documents online to the general public at no charge, as well to publish highlights, analyses, summaries, commentaries, and other creative, original journalistic work regarding the contents of the documents through multiple online publications.

My independently published journalistic work has been referenced, republished, and/or featured in multiple other publications, such as Forbes, BNA, ABC News/Fusion, RT America News, RightThisMinute, BoingBoing, and Scientific American.

I have previously made journalistic publication of e.g. matters relating to TSA and USPS activities, including widespread public disclosure of documents released to me under previous FOIA/PA requests, including my commentary and analysis thereof.

3. The documents are of **significant public interest**, entitled to waiver of all duplication fees, since

- a. as above, I both am able and intend to disseminate the files widely;
 - b. they would contribute greatly to the public understanding of the operations & activities of your respective agencies, in that they are **documents that directly describe agency operations & activities**;
 - c. they are not currently readily available; and
 - d. they are likely to be requested by others.
4. As mentioned above, I am explicitly *not* asking for any physical duplication, but rather direct server-to-server file transfer or email (or posting on your website). The FOIA authorizes duplication fees *strictly* limited to your agency's actual costs, and mandates that your agency use the **cheapest available requested methods**. I consider the actual costs for server-to-server file transfer to be reasonably estimated by, e.g., Amazon S3's pricing (<https://aws.amazon.com/s3/pricing/>).

If you have any questions or updates about this request, **please contact me by email**.

Please ensure that all of your responses comply with § 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, 36 CFR 1194.22, and UESB NPRM ATBCB-2015-0002.

In particular, **please make all correspondence pursuant to this request — including notification and responsive records — by email, with native electronic format documents**, as specified in the request. I do *not* want anything sent to me by physical mail unless I fail to confirm an email within a week of receipt, or I specifically state otherwise.

Please let me know **your tracking number(s) for this request upon receipt**.

If you believe that any of the requested items are not reasonably described, or that you need any further information regarding my qualification for fee waivers, **please be specific about what you consider vague and what questions I can answer that would clarify them**.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

A large black rectangular redaction box covers the signature area, obscuring the name and any handwritten notes.

From: [Council of IGs Liaisons](#) on behalf of [M. P. Leary](#)
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Re: 2018 Annual Performance Plan Questionnaire
Date: Friday, July 20, 2018 9:40:13 AM
Attachments: [image001.gif](#)

All,

We have a week before the Annual Survey suspense date of July 27th. I remain open and available for any questions you might have. Feel free to return the survey early if your agency has completed it.

In responding to the survey questions, I encourage you to think broadly when responding to those questions relating to initiatives CIGIE has engaged or currently is engaged, for example the Purchase Card Initiative; Top Management and Performance Challenges Report; Critical Issues Involving Multiple OIGs Report; Vulnerabilities and Resulting Breakdowns: A Review of Audits, Evaluations, and Investigations Focused on Services and Funding for American Indians and Alaska Natives; Oversight.gov; as well as others. Your responses will help CIGIE build upon its strategic planning and assist in further refining a survey for future years. Thanks,

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/MPL/

Michael P. Leary
Executive for Strategic Planning
CIGIE

(b) (6)

From: Council of IGs Liaisons on behalf of Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Re: Announcement Open: Administrative Officer GS-341-14
Date: Tuesday, November 6, 2018 9:58:40 AM

Uh, it actually closes in 2018! No need, to resend. Thanks

From: Council of IGs Liaisons <CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV> **On Behalf Of** Brett Wilson
Sent: Tuesday, November 6, 2018 9:56 AM
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Announcement Open: Administrative Officer GS-341-14

On behalf of Mark Jones, Executive Director:

CIGIE has posted a vacancy announcement for the Administrative Officer position, (GS-14). The announcements (Merit Promotion, All Others) are below. Please distribute to any interested parties. The announcement closes November 26, 2019.

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/515877800> - MP

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/515878400> - DE

Brett Wilson

Administrative Officer
Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency
1717 H Street NW, Suite 825
Washington, DC 20006

(b) (6)

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Re: Chairman Johnson's Request for a FOIA Review
Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2015 6:33:38 AM
Attachments: [Issa-Grassley Request Regarding FOIA - 8-23-10.pdf](#)
[OIG FOIA PROCESS RESPONSE LTR GRASSLEY-ISSA.PDF](#)
[DOL OIG Grassley Issa Response.pdf](#)
[09_15_2010_response_to_grassley_issa_re_foia_practices.pdf](#)

Folks,

Last week the Executive Council (EC) met and during that meeting there was a bit of discussion regarding the recent request from HSGAC Chairman Johnson that most of you received seeking information relating to "...any involvement by non-career officials with the FOIA process..." within your parent agency. Through this discussion it was brought up that this is a similar request that was made by Representative Issa and Senator Grassley in 2010. Because of the similar nature of these requests, the EC members thought it might be helpful to share with all of you a few of the responses to the 2010 request. Thus, please find attached one of the requested letters from Issa/Grassley, and three IG responses to this letter.

Mark

From: Mark Jones
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 6:35 AM

Folks,

The following information was provided and distributed to the Legislation Committee members and on behalf of the Legislation Committee Chair Kathy Buller, we are sharing this information with the members.

From: Inspectors General Legislation Cmte Liaisons [<mailto:CIGIE-LEGLIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV>] **On Behalf Of** Ferrao, Joaquin
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2015 5:13 PM

Legislation Committee Colleagues,

In yesterday's telecom we briefly discussed HSGAC Chairman Johnson's request to all OIGs to perform a review of the involvement of non-career employees in the FOIA process. As a result we agreed to call (b) (6) and the lead on this request to get a better understanding of what the Chair is looking for. We did not intend to give any CIGIE perspectives but just probe what the chair envisions and mention some potential issues.

Yesterday afternoon we discussed the request with (b) (6) and told her we would have another follow up conversation after we received input from the community. This is what we learned:

- She clarified that by using the term "non-career" the committee means political appointees. She clarified that the request intended to target situations in which political appointees have inappropriately influenced FOIA decisions, subjected FOIA responses to undue delays and unjustified obstruction/withholding of information.
- During our discussion she acknowledged that political appointees at multiple levels might be legitimately involved in FOIA request (i.e. when requests are sent by FOIA officers to heads of offices or units headed by political appointees). We mentioned GC's who might be political could be legitimately involved in FOIA matters.

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- (b) (5) [Redacted]

Areas we discussed but did not get a clear response:

- (b) (5) [Redacted]
- (b) (5) [Redacted]
- (b) (5) [Redacted]
- (b) (5) [Redacted]
- (b) (5) [Redacted]

We will be scheduling another telecom with the Legislation Committee to discuss next steps. We told the staffer that we will follow up with her after we get input from the community. We welcome input (even before our next meeting) on specific concerns, suggestions on how we could address congressional concerns without undue burden on OIG, and suggestions we can take back to the staffer

Best regards,

On behalf of IG Kathy Buller,

Joaquin E. Ferrao | Deputy Inspector General & Legal Counsel|

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From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Re: CIGIE Access Letter
Date: Monday, July 27, 2015 7:12:17 AM
Attachments: [CIGIE Access Letter.docx](#)

Folks,

The draft letter mentioned in the below email and sent out Friday, is attached.

Thanks

Mark

From: Council of Inspectors General [mailto:CIGIE@LIST.NIH.GOV] **On Behalf Of** Mark Jones

Sent: Monday, July 27, 2015 6:59 AM

To: CIGIE@LIST.NIH.GOV

Subject: Re: CIGIE Access Letter

Good Morning,

This is a friendly reminder that comments on the attached letter are requested by COB today.

Additionally, for your information, we wanted to share that Representatives Chaffetz and Cummings issued statements concerning the DOJ OLC opinion regarding DOJ OIG's access to certain records.

Below are links to these statements:

- Representative Chaffetz - <https://oversight.house.gov/release/chaffetz-statement-on-doj-olc-opinion/>
- Representative Cummings - <http://democrats.oversight.house.gov/news/press-releases/cummings-issues-statement-on-justice-department-legal-opinion-regarding>

Thanks

Mark

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Jones

Sent: Friday, July 24, 2015 11:11 AM

To: cigie

Cc: cigie-liaisons

Subject: Fwd: CIGIE Access Letter

This is the first draft of the letter Michael mentioned on the call drafted by Michael, Allison, and Kathy Buller. We are seeking comments by Monday. Thanks

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From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Re: CIGIE Monthly Meeting - 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 17, 2015
Date: Friday, March 13, 2015 6:16:17 PM
Attachments: [IT Committee newsletter. 3.15 final.docx](#)
[Agenda - March 17. 2015.docx](#)
[Legislation Committee Newsletter March 2015.pdf](#)
[I&E Newsletter March 2015.pdf](#)

Folks,

Attached is an updated Agenda for next week's meeting and additional monthly newsletters from the Committees.

Have a nice weekend.

Mark

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Jones
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 6:45 PM
To: 'cigie@list.nih.gov'
Cc: 'cigie-liaisons@list.nih.gov'
Subject: FW: CIGIE Monthly Meeting - 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Good Afternoon,

Please find attached the draft Agenda for the March 17, 2015, CIGIE monthly meeting being held at (b) (2), (b) (3) [REDACTED]. In addition to the draft Agenda, attached is a PowerPoint presentation that Dave Mader and Dave Lebryk will be using during their presentation on Federal shared services.

Also attached, for your information, are the minutes from the March Executive Council meeting and the Audit and Investigations Committees' March Newsletters. As the other Committees finalize their respective newsletters, I will provide those later in the week.

If any members have items that they would like considered for discussion at this month's meeting or at a future meeting, please don't hesitate to raise those to me or one of the Executive Council members.

Thanks

Mark

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Re: CIGIE Monthly Meeting - 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 17, 2015
Date: Friday, February 13, 2015 3:28:05 PM
Attachments: [CIGIE IT Committee Newsletter February 2015 Final.docx](#)
[I&ENewsletterFEB2015.pdf](#)
[IC Newsletter - February 2015.pdf](#)
[Leg Committee Newsletter February 2015.pdf](#)
[PDC Briefing.pptx](#)
[PDCTIFebruaryNewsletter_FINAL.pdf](#)
[CIGIE 114th Congress Letter Attachments V.2.pdf](#)
[CIGIE 114th Congress Letter V.2.pdf](#)

Folks,

Attached are a few additional materials for the Monthly meeting next Tuesday, specifically, a Professional Development Committee briefing PowerPoint file and the Committee newsletters for this month.

Additionally, attached is a draft letter and associated attachment to OMB from the CIGIE Legislation Committee Chair that, when finalized, will represent CIGIE's legislative priorities for the 114th Congress. At this time, the document should not be considered a final list of legislative priorities, as it is envisioned the document will serve as the discussion draft for determinations anticipated to occur at the Tuesday's Council meeting. The Legislation Committee is aware that further dialogue is expected on some of the proposals, such as the results of the TSA survey in context of a determination of whether or not TSA may be advanced as a legislative priority.

Have a good Holiday weekend and stay warm.

Mark

From: Mark Jones
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 3:53 PM
To: 'cigie@list.nih.gov'
Cc: 'cigie-liaisons@list.nih.gov'
Subject: CIGIE Monthly Meeting - 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 17, 2015

Good Afternoon,

Please find attached the draft Agenda for the February 17, 2015, CIGIE monthly meeting being held at (b) (2), (b) (3) In

addition to the draft Agenda, attached is a PowerPoint presentation that Dave Mader and Dave Lebryk will be using during their presentation on Federal shared services.

Also, over the past few weeks we have reached out to the various OIGs that were involved in the FY 2015 Passback process for which monies were included to fund CIGIE, to determine if they received those monies through their appropriation process. Based on the information provided, we compiled the attached spreadsheet for your information. Additionally, attached is a draft Charter including suggested updates for consideration and discussion at the meeting.

Further, if any members have items that they would like considered for discussion at this month's meeting or at a future meeting, please don't hesitate to raise those to me or one of the Executive Council members.

Thanks

Mark

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Re: CIGIE Monthly Meeting - 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 21, 2015
Date: Monday, April 20, 2015 4:33:50 PM
Attachments: [SHSGAC Sen McCaskill QFRs Final.pdf](#)
[Aud Com Newsletter - April 2015.pdf](#)
[Agenda - April 21, 2015 - Final.docx](#)
[I&E Newsletter April 2015.pdf](#)

Good Afternoon,

As many of you may have received notice regarding an active COOP exercise tomorrow, we wanted to inform you that we are still moving forward with tomorrow's CIGIE Monthly meeting.

Additionally, we wanted to share with you the attached, which is the CIGIE response to Senator McCaskill's Questions for the Record associated with the February 24, 2015, HSGAC hearing - Improving the Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Independence of Inspectors General. Please also find attached the Audit and I&E Newsletter for this month.

Thanks and we'll see you tomorrow morning.

Mark

-----Original Message-----

From: Council of IGs Liaisons [<mailto:CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV>] On Behalf Of Mark Jones
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2015 6:41 PM
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Re: CIGIE Monthly Meeting - 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 21, 2015

Folks,

Attached is an updated Agenda for Tuesday's meeting and the PowerPoint presentation that will be used for MITRE's discussion on their Payment Integrity Study. Additionally, attached are the Committee Newsletters for the IT Committee and the PDC Committee.

Have a good weekend.

Mark

From: Mark Jones
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 3:55 PM
To: 'cigie@list.nih.gov'
Cc: 'cigie-liaisons@list.nih.gov'
Subject: CIGIE Monthly Meeting - 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 21, 2015

Good Afternoon,

Please find attached the draft Agenda for the April 21, 2015, CIGIE monthly meeting being held at (b) (2), (b) (3), and the PowerPoint presentation that will be used for the Facilitating Shared Services presentation. In addition to the business that will be discussed, you will see on the Agenda that we have invited representatives from MITRE to discuss a research project they are working on relating to improper payments.

If any members have items that they would like considered for discussion at this month's meeting or at a future meeting, please don't hesitate to raise those to me or one of the Executive Council members.

Thanks

Mark

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Re: CIGIE Monthly Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 16, 2015
Date: Monday, June 15, 2015 6:21:52 AM
Attachments: [Council Statutory Mission - Functions & Duties.docx](#)
[OFPP-Memo-Effective-Use-of-Reverse-Auctions-June2014.pdf](#)
[IC Newsletter - May 2015 FINAL.DOCX](#)
[landE Newsletter June 2015 \(1\).pdf](#)

Good Morning,

In preparation for tomorrow's monthly meeting, we are providing additional attachments. The first attachment relates to the last agenda topic and is an informational page that provides the Council's legislative mission, function, and duties. The second attachment is an Office of Federal Procurement Policy on the effective use of reverse auctions that will be reported during the CAO Council report. The other two attachments are the newsletters for the Investigations Committee and the Inspection and Evaluation Committee.

We look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow.

Mark

From: Mark Jones
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 7:50 AM
To: 'cigie@list.nih.gov'
Cc: 'cigie-liaisons@list.nih.gov'
Subject: CIGIE Monthly Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 16, 2015

Members,

Please find attached the Agenda for next Tuesday's CIGIE monthly meeting. For the first topic attached are two project proposals that will be presented for your consideration. **For the last discussion topic on the agenda, where a large block of time has been included, will be a principles only session.** Therefore, all other folks attending the meeting will be excused from the meeting after Committee updates. For members unable to attend the meeting, you may wish to request that your Deputy or other Senior Level official attend in your stead and act on your behalf or you may wish to designate a proxy for this session for any actions that may occur. In such an instance, please inform me of your designee.

Further, if any members have items that they would like considered for discussion at this month's meeting or at a future meeting, please don't hesitate to raise those to me or one of the Executive Council members.

Additionally, please find attached the IT Committee Newsletter for this month.

The meeting will be held at (b) (2), (b) (3)



Thanks

Mark

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Re: CIGIE Monthly Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 16, 2015
Date: Monday, June 15, 2015 6:43:51 AM
Attachments: [Council Statutory Mission - Functions & Duties.docx](#)
[IC Newsletter - May 2015 FINAL.DOCX](#)
[landE Newsletter June 2015 \(1\).pdf](#)

Good Morning,

In preparation for tomorrow's monthly meeting, we are providing additional attachments. The first attachment relates to the last agenda topic and is an informational page that provides the Council's legislative mission, function, and duties. The second attachment is an Office of Federal Procurement Policy on the effective use of reverse auctions that will be reported during the CAO Council report. The other two attachments are the newsletters for the Investigations Committee and the Inspection and Evaluation Committee.

We look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow.

Mark

From: Mark Jones
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 7:50 AM
To: 'cigie@list.nih.gov'
Cc: 'cigie-liaisons@list.nih.gov'
Subject: CIGIE Monthly Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 16, 2015

Members,

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Further, if any members have items that they would like considered for discussion at this month's meeting or at a future meeting, please don't hesitate to raise those to me or one of the Executive Council members.

Additionally, please find attached the IT Committee Newsletter for this month.

The meeting will be held at (b) (2), (b) (3)

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Thanks

Mark

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Re: CIGIE Teleconference - 11:00 a.m., Friday, July 24, 2015
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 12:12:30 PM

Folks,

The teleconference information provided in the original message was incorrect. Please use the following when calling in on Friday:

Telephone: (b) (2)
Participant Passcode: (b) (2)

Thanks

Mark

On Wed, 22 Jul 2015 11:30:13 -0400, Mark Jones <mark.jones@CIGIE.GOV> wrote:

>FYI - The following was sent to the CIGIE members:

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>CIGIE Members,

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>As discussed at yesterday's monthly meeting, we have scheduled a membership teleconference for 11:00 a.m. this Friday in anticipation of the Office of Legal Counsel's issuance of their opinion regarding the Department of Justice's OIG's authority to access certain records and information.

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>The teleconference information for this call follows:

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>Telephone: (b) (2)

>Participant Passcode: (b) (2)

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>This teleconference is limited to no more than 100 callers; therefore, we request that you be respectful in the number of callers from your office calling in so that all members have the opportunity to be on the call.

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>Further, we are requesting that all callers, after connecting to the conference mute your telephone in order to reduce noise over the call.

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>If the OLC opinion is delayed, we will notify you in order to reschedule this call.

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>Thanks

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>Mark

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Re: CIGIE Views Draft Letter on S.579 - Suspense Thursday, April 23, 2015 (Friendly Reminder)
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 3:29:16 PM

Good Afternoon,

As discussed at this morning's CIGIE monthly meeting, in addition to your feedback on the Views letter, we are requesting your opinion more specifically on the matter of the term "general supervision" contained in the IG Act, as amended. (b) (5)

Please provide this information to me by Thursday, April 23, 2015, as well as any other feedback on the Views letter.

Thanks

Mark

From: Mark Jones
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2015 10:12 AM
To: 'cigie@list.nih.gov'
Cc: 'cigie-liaisons@list.nih.gov'
Subject: CIGIE Views Draft Letter on S.579 - Suspense Thursday, April 23, 2015

Good Morning,

Please find attached the latest draft of the Views Letter regarding the proposed bill, Inspector General Empowerment Act of 2015 (S.579). We are seeking written edits or comments on the Views Letter by **NLT Thursday, April 23, 2015**. Please provide your comments to me at

(b) (6) @cigie.gov.

Additionally, please note that the Views Letter is on the agenda for discussion at next Tuesday's Monthly meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

Mark

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Re: DOJ OIG Press Release Relating to the OLC Opinion Regarding DOJ OIG Access to Certain Records
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2015 1:50:08 PM
Attachments: [Final Press Statement 7-23-15.pdf](#)

FYI - Attached is the DOJ OIG's Press Release in regards to the OLC opinion.

On Thu, 23 Jul 2015 12:35:03 -0400, Mark Jones <mark.jones@CIGIE.GOV> wrote:

>CIGIE Members,

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>As discussed at Tuesday's meeting, please find enclosed the DOJ OLC opinion regarding DOJ OIG's access to certain records that was issued today. Additionally, attached is DOJ OIG's executive summary of the this opinion.

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>Again, a teleconference will be held on tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. regarding this opinion. Below is the dial in information for the call:

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>•Telephone: (b) (2)

>•Passcode: (b) (2)

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>Thanks

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>Mark

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From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Re: For Review: SES Certification workgroup recommendations
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2015 9:32:52 AM
Attachments: [SES Certification WG Report Final June 2015.pdf](#)

Folks,

Attached is a new file from OPM that should open for you. Please let me know if you have any difficulty opening.

Thanks

Mark

From: Mark Jones
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 5:36 AM
To: 'cigie@list.nih.gov'
Cc: 'cigie-liaisons@list.nih.gov'
Subject: FW: For Review: SES Certification workgroup recommendations

Folks with SES personnel systems,

Please see the below and attached that has been circulated for feedback to the CHCOs. If you would like to provide feedback, please provide that information to me by June 19, 2015, or provide it directly to [\(b\) \(6\)@opm.gov](#) at OPM by June 23, 2015.

Thanks

Mark

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Johnson, Justin R." <[\(b\) \(6\)@opm.gov](#)>
To: "CHCOC" <chcoc@opm.gov>
Subject: For Review: SES Certification workgroup recommendations

To CHCOs and Deputies via BCC:

Attached is a report of the interagency working group initiative to identify improvements to the Federal Government's SES Performance Appraisal System Certification process. This report summarizes the process and approach of the working group, which convened on a weekly basis between December 2014 and May 2015, and presents the recommendations they have identified to improve and streamline the certification process. This working group was formed after an initial interagency group of high-level officials (many of whom were agency CHCOs) met in February 2014 to discuss interagency concerns and strategic opportunities to improve the efficiency and value of the certification process while reducing administrative burden for agencies. As you may recall, this work was last discussed at the April 21 Council meeting.

Please review the report, particularly the recommendations of the workgroup for improving the certification process, and provide any feedback or further input to [\(b\) \(6\)](#) at [\(b\) \(6\)@opm.gov](#) <[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)@opm.gov](mailto:(b) (6)@opm.gov)> by no later than June 23, 2015.

Once the OPM program office has consolidated stakeholder input, the

recommendations of the workgroup and the input of stakeholders will be presented to OPM Director Archuleta before proceeding with next steps, including immediate implementation of improvements that are administratively possible as well as longer-term revision to regulations.

Thank you,

Justin Johnson
Executive Director
Chief Human Capital Officers Council
Office of Personnel Management (OPM)
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Washington, DC 20415

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From: [Council of IGs Liaisons](#) on behalf of (b) (6)
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Re: FY 2018 Annual Progress Report to the President - Data Call - SUSPENSE December 23, 2018
Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018 4:04:51 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[FY18 Annual Report - Membership Listing \(003\).docx](#)

Hello All,

Attached is a copy of the Annual Progress Report – Membership Listing. Please review and make the appropriate updates for FY 18.

Thanks,

(b) (6)

Management Analyst



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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 3:00 PM
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: FY 2018 Annual Progress Report to the President - Data Call - SUSPENSE December 23, 2018

Good Afternoon,

Attached is the data call for the FY 2018 Progress Report to the President. The data call includes the following:

- A memo from the Chair kicking off the project along with an attachment that explains in detail the process we will follow for this data call.

- Three workbooks and accompanying instructions for the OIG profile, audit, and investigation statistics.

This year, you will note, that we are soliciting from each member information about one significant work product (i.e., an audit, investigation, evaluation, inspection, etc.) your office completed in FY 2018. These submissions will be considered for potential inclusion in the report.

As in the past, we are relying on the liaisons to make this process as efficient as possible. We sincerely appreciate their willingness to receive the data call, coordinate it within their OIG, and return the information to us. It is so critical for liaisons, as the IGs' representative, to be knowledgeable and comfortable with the information being submitted.

We look forward to working with all of you. The process itself is very similar to the ones followed in years past. Should you have questions regarding the workbooks and/or instruction guides, please feel free to contact (b) (6) @cigie.gov) at (b) (6) or me (b) (6) @cigie.gov) at (b) (6). Please email me the completed workbooks by **December 23, 2018**.

Thanks,

Mark

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From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Re: Letter from HSGAC and HOCR
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 5:57:40 AM
Attachments: [Sens Grassley Coburn Undisclosed Reports.pdf](#)
[Sens Grassley Coburn Undisclosed Reports July 14, 2014.pdf](#)
[OIG Response to HOCR Letter 3.11.2015.pdf](#)

The following is being sent on behalf of Chair Michael Horowitz.

Dear Fellow IGs:

Several of you have asked a variety of questions regarding the recent letters from HSGAC and HOCR. I appreciate that they have caused a lot of concern. The DOJ-OIG has been responding to similar letters for several years now (our responses started in 2010 when Glenn Fine was IG), and at our meeting with HSGAC staff and Sen. Grassley's staff to discuss the draft IG reform act, they indicated that our past responses provide the kind of detail that they are seeking regarding closed investigations. As you will see from our responses, they are consistent with the privacy act and do not identify the subject(s). Feel free to reach out to me with any questions or thoughts. These requests, and the provisions in the legislation, raise significant issues, and we will be discussing them at today's CIGIE meeting and at future meetings. I look forward to working through them with you.

Michael

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Re: LOCATION CHANGE for a Committee Hearing on Wed., August 5 at 10:00 a.m.
Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2015 6:58:42 PM

Folks,

For those that are attending the subject hearing, I was just notified that as part of Senator Grassley's opening statement, he will acknowledge all of the members of the OIG community in attendance at the hearing tomorrow, and will ask all of those attending to stand up.

Mark

On Aug 4, 2015, at 10:49 AM, Mark Jones <[\(b\) \(6\)@cigie.gov](mailto:(b) (6)@cigie.gov)> wrote:

Good Morning,

We have just been notified of another change to the Hearing room location for the August 5th hearing. Thus, if you, and or any of your staff, are planning to attend, please note the new location for the Hearing below.

Thanks

Mark

From: [\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:(b) (6)@judiciary-rep.senate.gov) (Judiciary-Rep) [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)@judiciary-rep.senate.gov](mailto:(b) (6)@judiciary-rep.senate.gov)]

Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 10:44 AM

To: Mark Jones

Subject: RE: LOCATION CHANGE for a Committee Hearing on Wed., August 5 at 10:00 a.m.

August 4, 2015

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING LOCATION CHANGE

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary hearing entitled, "'All' Means 'All': The Justice Department's Failure to Comply With Its Legal Obligation to Ensure Inspector General Access to All Records Needed For Independent Oversight," scheduled for Wednesday, August 5 at 10:00 a.m., **will now be held in Room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.**

By order of the Chairman.

From: Council of IGs Liaisons on behalf of Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Re: PFCRA Data Request for Circulation - SUSPENSE Friday, July 20, 2018
Date: Friday, July 6, 2018 7:46:55 AM

Folks,

It was pointed out the referenced attachment in the below email was not included in the transmission. Thus, attachment referenced below can be located on the CIGIE website at <https://www.ignet.gov/sites/default/files/files/CIGIE%20Legislative%20Priorities%20115th.pdf>.

Thanks

Mark

From: Mark Jones
Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 6:06 AM
To: 'cigie' <cigie@list.nih.gov>
Cc: 'cigie-liaisons' <cigie-liaisons@list.nih.gov>; Ranju Shrestha <RShrestha2@peacecorpoig.gov>
Subject: PFCRA Data Request for Circulation - SUSPENSE Friday, July 20, 2018

The following is being shared on behalf of CIGIE's Legislation Committee Chair Kathy Buller.

Dear Colleagues,

As we continue to engage Congress on our Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act (PFCRA) legislative priority, key Congressional stakeholders have suggested that we have available real-world examples that demonstrate the need for our proposed reforms. These would be examples that we could share with the Hill, put in a views letter, or otherwise use as we educate Congress on the need for and benefits of the proposed reforms.

Accordingly, the Legislation Committee is doing a data request for the following information:

Question 1: (b) (5) [Redacted]

Question 2: (b) (5) [Redacted]

(b) (5) [Redacted]

Question 3: (b) (5) [Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

Question 4: (b) (5) [Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

(b) (5) [Redacted]
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[Redacted]
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[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

For additional information on the proposed PFCRA reforms, please reference the attached PFCRA sections from our legislative priorities letter and corresponding attachment.

Please direct feedback or questions to (b) (6) [Redacted], by COB Friday, July 20th.

Thank you,

(b) (6) [Redacted]
CIGIE Legislation Committee
Peace Corps OIG
Office: (b) (6) [Redacted]
Email: (b) (6) [Redacted]

(b) (6)

[Redacted content]

Cc: (b) (6)

EOP/OMB

Subject: Program Integrity: The Antifraud Playbook Draft for Review - Comments Due August 17, 2018

Hello,

In collaboration with Federal agencies, The Department of Treasury, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, is developing a government-wide program integrity playbook, titled “Program Integrity: The Antifraud Playbook”. The playbook provides practical guidance to help agencies design and implement a robust antifraud program that aligns with laws and regulations. The playbook also supports the Bureau’s government-wide program integrity efforts including pre and post-payment reviews, Do Not Pay program, and use and promotion of advanced data analytics to detect and reduce fraud, waste, and abuse.

As part of this effort, we are requesting agency input on the attached exposure draft to confirm that the playbook content is relevant and informative as well as straightforward and easily understood. The goal is to make the playbook useful for programs that have been around for 12 years or 12 days.

Attached is also an MS Excel workbook to record your comments. Please read the instructions on the Feedback Instructions tab and input all comments on the Playbook Feedback tab. We will host drop-in conference calls (similar to a professor’s office hours) during which we will provide a brief overview of the playbook and allow participants to ask questions and provide initial feedback. The call in times and dates are as follows (calendar invites will follow):

- August 8, 2018, 10:00 am to 11:30am EST, (b) (2)
- August 16, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm EST, (b) (2)

Comments are due by August 17, 2018 and should be submitted to (b) (2) [.treasury.gov](mailto:(b) (2)@treasury.gov). For other general questions, contact either (b) (6) [.treasury.gov](mailto:(b) (6)@treasury.gov)) or (b) (6) [.treasury.gov](mailto:(b) (6)@treasury.gov)).

We appreciate your participation so far and look forward to hearing from you – thank you!

Thanks,
(b) (6)

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Bureau of the Fiscal Service
Office of Financial Innovation and Transformation

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From: [Council of IGs Liaisons](#) on behalf of [Brett Wilson](#)
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Re: Save the date - CIGIE monthly membership meetings Nov 2018 - Dec 2019
Date: Monday, November 5, 2018 12:34:23 PM

Thanks to an observer, the dates for the Jun and July meeting should be noted as 2019 dates!

IGs:

The following is a list of meeting dates for the monthly CIGIE membership meetings to be held at the

(b) (2), (b) (3)

November 20, 2018

December 18, 2018

January 22, 2019 (Note the 3rd Tuesday was not available)

February 19, 2019

March 19, 2019

April 16, 2019

May – No meeting since IG Conference is held in May.

June 18, 2019

July 16, 2019

August 20, 2019

September 24, 2019 (Note the 3rd Tuesday was not available)

October – No meeting since the Annual Awards Ceremony is held in October.

November 19, 2019

December 17, 2019

Brett Wilson

Administrative Officer

Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency

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Washington, DC 20006

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From: [Council of IGs Liaisons](#) on behalf of (b) (6)
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Re: Update IG Historical Data
Date: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 3:33:48 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good Afternoon,

Please review the IG Historical Data document(s), specifically, your OIGs information, and provide me with any updates. This was last published on July 25, 2017, for the PAS list, and March 15, 2015, for the DFE list. Below are the links to the two documents:

- PAS IG Historical Data Document - [https://ignet.gov/sites/default/files/files/IG%20History%20\(PAS\)%20-%207-25-17.pdf](https://ignet.gov/sites/default/files/files/IG%20History%20(PAS)%20-%207-25-17.pdf)
- DFE IG Historical Data Document - <https://ignet.gov/sites/default/files/files/ig-historical-data-march-15.pdf>

Thanks,

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Management Analyst



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From: [Council of IGs Liaisons](#) on behalf of (b) (6)
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Re: Update IG Historical Data
Date: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 3:58:31 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello All,

Please forward updates to (b) (6) [@cigie.gov](mailto:(b) (6)@cigie.gov).

Thanks,

(b) (6)

Management Analyst



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Thanks,

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Management Analyst



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From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Recent Congressional Research Service Reports Relating to the OIG Community
Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2015 5:21:51 PM
Attachments: [\[Untitled\].pdf](#)
[\[Untitled\].pdf](#)

For your information, please find attached two recent CRS reports relating to the IG community, specifically:

- Office of Inspectors General and Law Enforcement Authority: In Brief (September 8, 2014); and
- Federal Inspectors General: History, Characteristics, and Recent Congressional Actions (December 8, 2014).

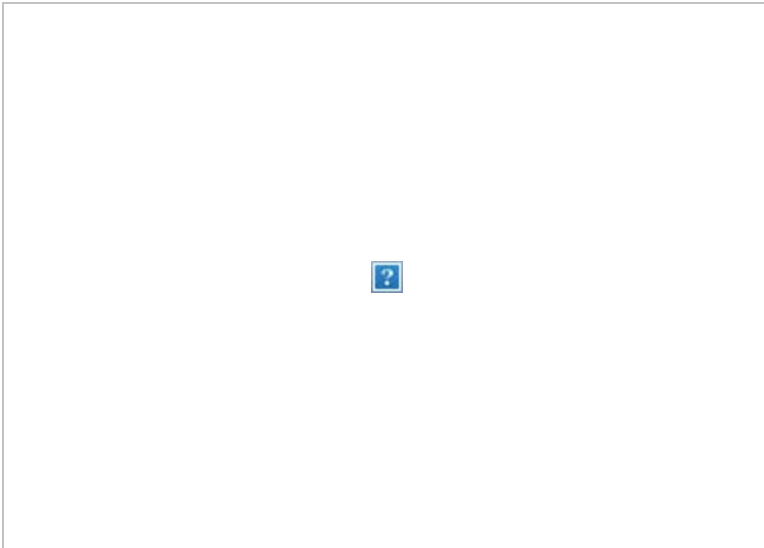
From: [Council of IGs Liaisons](#) on behalf of [Mike Diavolakis](#)
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Reminder Highlight your OIG's work on Government Matters (forms are due tomorrow, Friday, August 31)
Date: Thursday, August 30, 2018 2:09:03 PM
Attachments: [image003.jpg](#)
[image005.jpg](#)
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[image008.jpg](#)
[Form - Government Matters.pdf](#)
[OIG Appearances on Government Matters as of 08-22-2018.pdf](#)

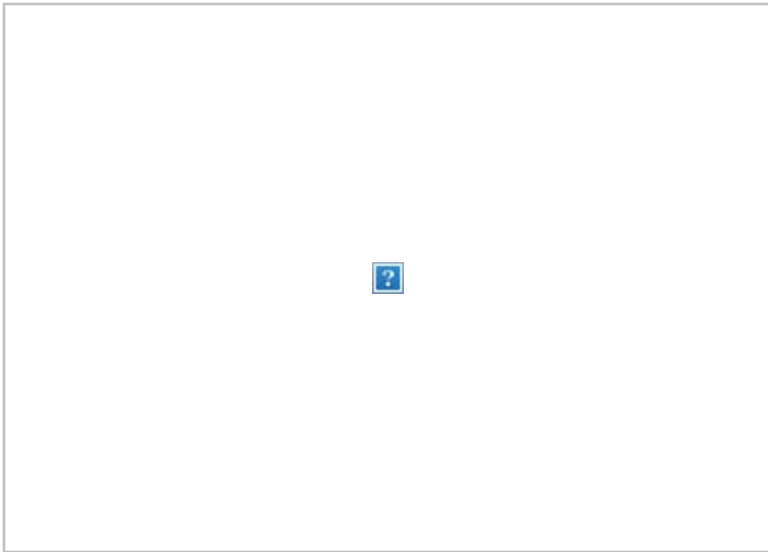
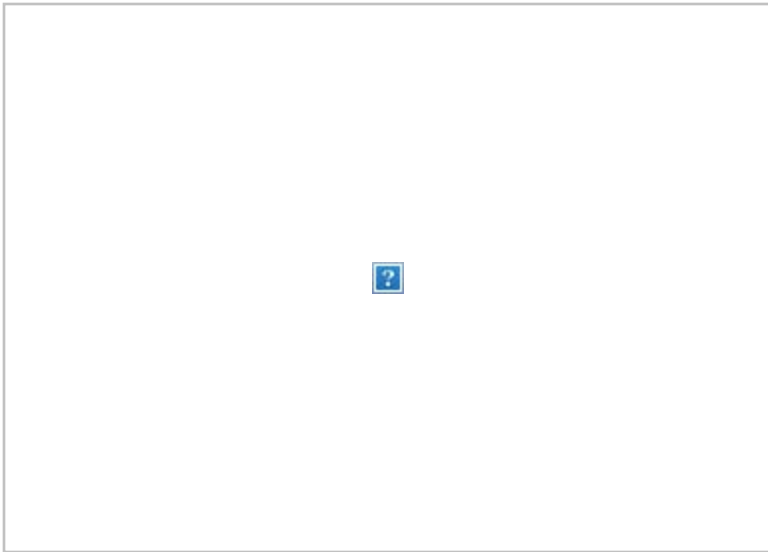
CIGIE Liaisons,

Good afternoon, everyone. Just a friendly reminder that forms are due tomorrow if your IG or other staff member would like to highlight a recent topic, report, audit, or investigation on Government Matters. Please share this with your staff.

The next IG segment is **Tuesday, September 11**. If your IG or other staff member isn't available for the taping on September 11, the producers will accommodate you for an interview near that date to air on September 11.

If you missed the last three OIG interviews that all took place two weeks ago, please see the clickable screenshots below. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thanks!





Regards,

Mike Diavolakis

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From: [Council of IGs Liaisons](#) on behalf of [David Gross](#)
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: REMINDER: OIG Staffing by Metro Area data call
Date: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 3:10:29 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image003.jpg](#)
[OIG Staff by Metro Area - 2018.xlsx](#)

Hello All:

Thanks to those who have already sent in their spreadsheets. I'm still missing responses from a few OIGs. If you haven't already, please have the appropriate person in your OIG complete and return the attached spreadsheet to me at [\(b\) \(6\) @cigie.gov](#) by August 15, 2018. Thanks!

R/

Dave

CIGIE Logo



David R. Gross
Director, Leadership & Mission Support Academy, CIGIE Training Institute
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EIG 2015

From: David Gross
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 9:02 AM
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: OIG Staffing by Metro Area data call

Hello All:

We are collecting information on OIG staffing by metropolitan areas to enable us to better serve our geographically dispersed community and to make informed decisions regarding regional and virtual training opportunities.

Please have the appropriate person/office in your OIG complete and return the attached spreadsheet to me at [\(b\) \(6\) @cigie.gov](#) by August 3, 2018.

This spreadsheet lists the top 50 metropolitan areas and has blank lines for other areas to be entered, as applicable, for your office. There are columns to enter Audit, I&E, Investigations, and All

Other staffing numbers for each metro area. The total column will self-populate, as well as the final totals in row 70

The information you provide will be used to identify total OIG populations by metropolitan areas. Individual OIG numbers will only be used for calculating these totals and will not otherwise be shared or made available to the community at large or the public.

Authorized strength/FTE numbers are generally preferred, as I realize that actual on-board numbers fluctuate, are harder to pin down, and only represent a single point in time. However, if there is a significant discrepancy between the authorized number and on-board number, please note that and advise if we should use the on-board number instead.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

R/

Dave



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EIG 2015

From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Request for Information on S. 579 and Chairman Johnson's Request Relating to OIG Performing a FOIA Review - SUSPENSE July 8, 2015
Date: Thursday, July 2, 2015 2:38:58 PM

The following is being sent on behalf of Legislation Committee Chair Kathy Buller.

Colleagues,

There are two follow-up items that we would like to receive your timely views so that we can provide CIGIE input to the corresponding members of Congress.

Item #1 relates to discussions with the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (HSGAC) regarding S. 579 the IG Empowerment Act. We discussed with HSGAC our concerns

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[Redacted]

We are asking for your input on the following:

A. (b) (5)
[Redacted]

B. (b) (5)
[Redacted]

C. For 2013 and for 2014 how many investigations did the OIG close, of those how many were at the grade level of GS 15 and above or equivalent. In providing that number did you use fiscal or calendar year?

Item #2 relates to HSGAC Chairman Johnson's request to conduct a FOIA review. (b) (5)
[Redacted]

We are asking the following:

- A. Provide the # of FOIA cases that would need to be reviewed based on the time period in question 2007-2015.
- B. As appropriate, let us know of any other particular issues or circumstances that you

have raised or plan to raise with respect to ability to meet this request. For example we have already heard that: (b) (5)



Given the timetables involved we are asking that you please respond by **COB Wed. July 8th**.

Best regards,

On behalf of IG Kathy Buller,

Joaquin E. Ferrao | Deputy Inspector General & Legal Counsel|

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From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: RSVP Requested for CIGIE - GAO Annual Coordination Meeting - Friday, March 13, 2015
Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 8:31:18 AM

CIGIE Members,

Please RSVP to me if you or a representative(s) from your office is planning to attend the subject meeting. We will be providing this information to GAO to assist in access to their building. When RSVPing please provide the following information:

- Name
- Title
- Email address
- Telephone Number

Thanks very much.

Mark

From: Mark Jones
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 9:15 AM
To: 'cigie@list.nih.gov'
Cc: 'cigie-liaisons@list.nih.gov'
Subject: CIGIE - GAO Annual Coordination Meeting - Friday, March 13, 2015 (Issues of Interest to be Provided by February 13, 2014)

CIGIE Members,

The next CIGIE – GAO Annual Coordination Meeting will be held Friday, March 13, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. GAO has graciously agreed to host this meeting. Once GAO has confirmed the conference room, I will provide that information.

At this time we are soliciting from each of you any issues of interest that you would like considered for discussion at this meeting, please provide me that information by Friday, **February 13, 2014**.

Below is information relating to the meeting.

DATE: Friday, March 13, 2014

TIME: 8:30 am to 12 noon

LOCATION: U.S. GAO, 441 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20548

ROOM:

ATTENDEES: All IGs are invited to attend, or a designated representative of the IG if they are unavailable. GAO's Executive Committee and Team Managing Directors will participate.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

Mark

From: [Douglas Holt](#)
To: CIGIE@list.nih.gov; "CIGIE-liaisons"; CIGIE-Audit@list.nih.gov; CIGIE-Auditliaisons@list.nih.gov
Cc: Jaclyn.Storch@nrc.gov; [Mark Jones](#)
Subject: SAVE THE DATE: FAEC 2018 Annual Conference (Sept 4-5) at PTO in Alexandria, VA
Date: Friday, August 10, 2018 1:23:30 PM

CIGIE Colleagues – Please see the following message from Brett Baker regarding the upcoming FAEC annual conference.

Thank you.

Doug

Hello everyone – The Federal Audit Executive Council will be holding its annual conference on September 4-5, 2018 at the Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, VA. Conference information, including registration instructions, can be found by clicking on the link below.

Please share this with your staff and save the dates!

<https://www.ignet.gov/content/faec-2018-annual-conference>

Best regards,

Brett

Dr. Brett M. Baker
Chair, Federal Audit Executive Council
Assistant Inspector General for Audit
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission OIG

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From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Senator Glenn Letter
Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2015 6:24:39 AM
Attachments: [IGAccess.JGlennLtr.072315.pdf](#)

Good Morning,

FYI - We wanted to share the attached letter from Senator Glenn regarding the access to records issues. The letter was posted on HSGAC's website late yesterday.

Mark

From: Council of IGs Liaisons on behalf of Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: SES 2018 Performance Review Board Members - Federal Register Notice
Date: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 9:41:14 AM
Attachments: [image005.jpg](#)
[image006.jpg](#)
[2018 CIGIE PRB Members.pdf](#)

Good Morning,

For those OIG offices with Senior Executive Service personnel (Title 5), we wanted to notify you of the subject notice published in the Federal Register. Attached is a copy of the Notice for your use.

Mark

Mark D. Jones
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From: [Council of IGs Liaisons](#) on behalf of [M. P. Leary](#)
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Solicitation of Strategic Planning Working Group Members (Inspector General Level)
Date: Monday, December 3, 2018 3:09:11 PM
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All:

With the adoption of the 2019 CIGIE Performance Plan this month, one of the early - and critical - tasks before us is to establish a Strategic Planning Working Group (SPWG).

This WG will be an essential part of the "planning cycle" I have spoken to you about. We are seeking to comprise the working group of 10 to 12 Inspectors General representing as broad a diversity of IG offices as possible and not currently represented on the Executive Council (EC).

The broad responsibilities of the WG will be to act as a principal forum for seeking ways and means to implement the vision, goals and objectives embodied in the current CIGIE Five Year Strategic Plan. These ways and means will be translated into recommendations for the Executive Council to consider and further pass on to the full membership as they see appropriate.

The WG will have direct influence on the strategic direction in which CIGIE moves by potentially offering adjustments to the current Five Year Plan and its attendant annual Performance Plans, in addition to shaping the content of the next Five Year Plan.

The WG will meet periodically as it determines, but at a minimum, 4 times a year to include a March half day "offsite" that will precede, and provide specific strategic input in the form of recommendations into, the Executive Council offsite in April of each year.

Beyond the WG appointing a Chair and Vice Chair, the WG will be self-organizing and self-driven. It will be supported and facilitated by the CIGIE Strategic Planner. It is also anticipated that it will have a close relationship with the EC, to include receiving ongoing feedback and guidance, and possibly providing updates and presentations on progress at regular EC meetings.

An initial meeting of the WG is set for January, 2019, with the details to be provided at a later date once we have identified the members. If you have an interest or wish to speak further on possible participation, please contact me directly at the email and number below. In order to meet in January we will need to set the WG members before the 18th of December.

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From: Council of IGs Liaisons on behalf of Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Thank You and the Best to You
Date: Monday, December 31, 2018 12:03:03 PM
Attachments: [image002.jpg](#)
[image004.jpg](#)

Good Afternoon,

As some of you may know, I am retiring today. It has been a pleasure and an honor to have had the opportunity to work with many of you over the past several years during my career with CIGIE, as well as with USDA OIG and USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. I have met so many wonderful and talented professionals during my career, which I believe is a testament to the cadre of folks that are drawn to public service. As I move on to the next chapter in my life, I will miss the extremely important work of the OIG community and more importantly all of you who are contributing to better government.

I wish all of you the best.

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From: [Council of IGs Liaisons](#) on behalf of [Mike Diavolakis](#)
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Two new OIG appearances on Government Matters and a call for interview proposals
Date: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 3:58:41 PM
Attachments: [image002.jpg](#)
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[image011.jpg](#)
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[Form - Government Matters.pdf](#)
[OIG Appearances on Government Matters as of 08-15-2018.pdf](#)

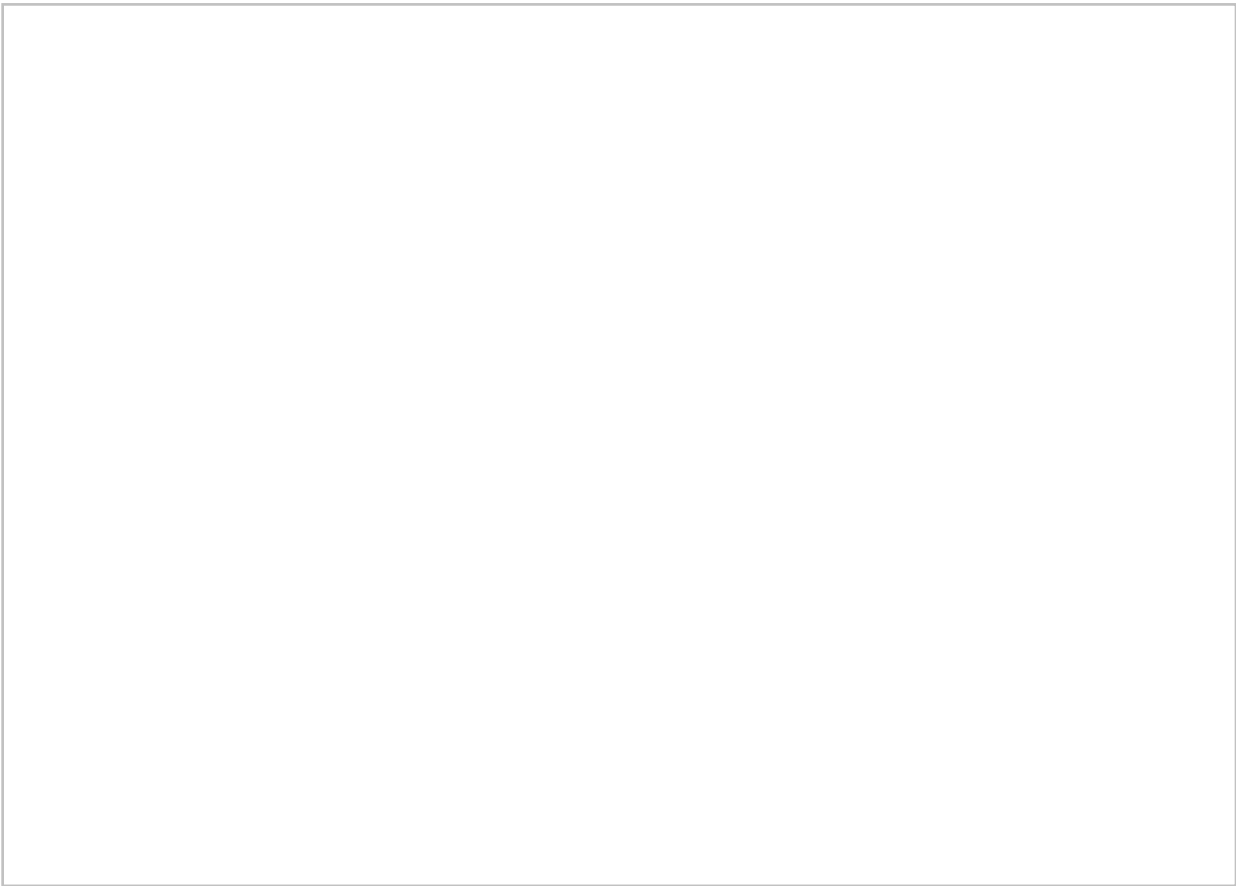
CIGIE Liaisons,

Good afternoon, everyone. If your IG or other staff member would like to highlight a recent topic, report, audit, or investigation on Government Matters, please complete the attached form. Please share this with your staff.

The next IG segment is **Tuesday, September 11**. Therefore, please return the form by **Friday, August 31**. If your IG or other staff member isn't available for the taping and airing on September 11, he or she is welcome to schedule another day, just let me know what days are convenient for your official. The non-confrontational interviews on Government Matters are an easy way to advance your public affairs campaigns.

This past week, two OIG officials appeared on the program to highlight recent publications from their office. You can click on the screenshots below to view their interview.

On Sunday, August 12, Troy Meyer, Assistant IG of Audit at the DoD OIG, discussed the more than 1,500 open recommendations in DoD OIG's 2018 open recommendations compendium. Yesterday, Charles Brunton, Program Analyst at EPA OIG, discussed a report on management weaknesses during the Flint, Michigan, water crisis. Please view their interviews to learn more.



As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thanks!

Regards,
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Subject: U.S. GAO - Results-Oriented Management: OPM Needs to Do More to Ensure Meaningful Distinctions Are Made in SES Ratings and Performance Awards
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 9:59:17 AM

For your information, we are sharing the below. Additionally, there was a Government Executive article published yesterday that was based on the findings of GAO's report - http://www.govexec.com/pay-benefits/2015/02/are-there-too-many-outstanding-senior-executives/105969/?oref=govexec_today_nl

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From: Shih, Stephen T. [mailto:[\(b\) \(6\)@opm.gov](mailto:(b) (6)@opm.gov)]
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 9:56 PM
To: Horowitz, Michael E.(OIG)

Hello Michael,

Would you please share this report with all CIGIE members:

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-15-189>

Thanks!

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From: Mark Jones
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Updated CIGIE Charter - Version 2
Date: Friday, March 6, 2015 9:35:29 AM
Attachments: [Council Charter - Draft Update V.2 - 3-6-15.doc](#)

CIGIE Members,

Based on the additional feedback received regarding the Charter updates, I have made a few additional tweaks to the last draft version of the Charter that was provided to you last month. We are providing to you for a last review for any fatal flaws prior to finalizing and issuing, as discussed and approved during the February CIGIE Monthly teleconference.

Please let me know if you see any fatal flaws with the Charter updates by Friday, March 13.

Thanks

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From: [Council of IGs Liaisons](#) on behalf of [Beth Leon](#)
To: CIGIE-LIAISONS@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: Updating the CIGIE "Directory of Member Organizations"
Date: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 12:25:03 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Dear CIGIE Liaisons,

Might I make a friendly request for you to check your OIG's information as currently listed in the Directory to make sure that it is accurate and current? Many of us actively use the Directory in conducting our work and having the correct contact information is important.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

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From: Mark Jones
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Subject: Vacancy Announcement - CIGIE Executive Director for the Training Institute, ES-0301
Date: Monday, July 27, 2015 10:56:16 AM

Good Morning,

As many of you know, Tom Caulfield has announced that he is planning to retire September 30, 2015. Being that this is the case, we have moved forward to announce his position. We are sharing this with your offices, so that you can assist in spreading the word to folks that may have an interest in applying for such position. Below is a link to the announcement, which is scheduled to close August 12, 2015.

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/409858600>

I appreciate your assistance in getting the word out on this announcement.

Thanks

Mark