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Investigations Committee

NEWSLETTER

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FY 2007 Investigator Training Outlined

In the wake of the decision not to create a new Inspector General Institute, the Investigations Committee (IC), in concert with FLETC and the Inspector General Criminal Investigator Academy (IGCIA), took swift action to fill the void.

Relying on existing Memoranda of Understanding, measures were taken to allow the IGCIA to provide training to the community's criminal investigators for FY 2007 at a fair and reasonable cost.

In October, agency-specific assessments were sent to each OIG from Angela Hrdlicka, the Executive Director of the IGCIA. Each assessment consisted of two parts:

A Tier 1 Assessment of \$98.09 per 1811 (or equivalent), which funds the IGCIA's operating expenses, including the salaries of its three employees. That amount will be supplemented with \$209,562 in surplus from the IGCIA's revolving fund.

A Tier 2 Assessment, which will provide funds for FLETC's detailed instructional support. These costs are solely for FLETC training and do not include any training conducted on your behalf by the IGCIA.

To fund the IGCIA-specific training, tuition will be charged at a reasonable rate to cover the

cost of running these programs. To ensure the effective operation of these training programs and the IGCIA, tuition, meals and lodging costs will be charged in advance, based on the training projections each agency provided to the IGCIA several months ago. Each OIG's tuition bill and FY 2007 training allocations were also included in the package each IG received from the IGCIA.

The IGCIA is a service to the entire OIG community and the purpose of its staff is to represent you and your staff to FLETC and the federal law enforcement training community. The IC would like to thank Angela Hrdlicka for her efforts these past months, and in the months to come. She and her staff are an excellent resource, to act as your liaison to FLETC, to answer questions and to resolve issues. Angela is available to facilitate any agency-specific training you may require, and to develop and coordinate IG-specific training on behalf of the entire community.

Your support of the IGCIA is essential in order for the IG community to appropriately comply with the PCIE/ECIE Quality Standards for Investigations and the Attorney General guidelines for OIGs with Statutory Law Enforcement Authority. The IC looks forward to your continued support.

FLETA Board Meets

Federal Law Enforcement Training Accreditation (FLETA) is an independent accreditation process that provides law enforcement agencies with an opportunity to voluntarily demonstrate that they meet an established set of professional standards and receive appropriate recognition.

The accreditation of a Federal law enforcement academy or program

provides assurance that it has voluntarily submitted to a process of self-regulation and has successfully achieved compliance with a set of standards, collectively established by peers within the appropriate professional community, that demonstrate adherence to quality, effectiveness and integrity. The focus of the FLETA effort is to accredit Federal entry-level and advanced/specialized training programs, instructor training and other

Upcoming Meeting:
November 29, 2006 at the
ITC Building (Room 839)
in Washington, D.C.



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programs that affect multiple Federal, state, and local law enforcement officers. To carry out this process, trainers in the same discipline as that of the program being reviewed, working through a professional accrediting body, assist each other in evaluating and improving that program.

The FLETA Board will meet Nov. 14–16, 2006 in Hilton Head, SC to consider nine reviews. Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., in his capacity as Chair of the PCIE Investigations Committee, has joined the FLETA Board as a voting member and will take part in these deliberations.

IGCIA Curriculum Review Underway

At the request of IC Chair Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., a November 30 "kick-off" meeting has been scheduled to conduct an intensive review of the course offerings at the IGCIA, with the goal of developing a path forward for FY 2008 and beyond. In an October 31e-mail, AIGI John Hartman encouraged each agency to send a representative (AIGI or training officer). The meeting will be preceded by a needs assessment survey from Angela Hrdlicka, IGCIA Executive Director.

The primary focus of the meeting will be the Inspector General Investigator Training Program

(IGITP); however, feedback will also be solicited on the IG Basic Transitional Training Program (IG-TTP), IG Periodic Refresher Training Program (IG-PRTP), IG Basic Non-Criminal Investigator Training Program (IG-BNCITP), and advanced course offerings. Follow-up meetings will be held as needed, with the curriculum review team building on prior curriculum review team efforts.

National Procurement Fraud Task Force Formed

On November 9, 2006, the first meeting of the National Procurement Fraud Task Force took place at the Department of Justice (DOJ) in Washington, D.C. Deputy Attorney General Paul J. McNulty spoke about the importance of strengthening the Government's efforts to fight procurement fraud by promoting increased collaboration and focusing resources at all levels of Government to bring those who commit procurement fraud to justice.

Alice Fisher, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, DOJ, will serve as the Chair of the Task Force, with Brian D. Miller, Inspector General for the General Services Administration (GSA), acting as Vice-Chair of the Task Force. Steve A. Linick, currently a Deputy Chief in the Fraud Section of DOJ's Criminal Division, will serve as the Director of the Task Force. Ultimately, the goal of the new

Task Force is to detect, prevent, and prosecute procurement fraud cases nationwide. All Inspectors General were encouraged to participate in the creation of this vital new Task Force. Working Groups are currently being created, including committees on Outreach, Legislation, Information Sharing, Training, Iraq/International Matters, and Intelligence. By working together and sharing ideas, the National Procurement Fraud Task Force hopes to improve the overall success of procurement fraud prosecutions, civil actions, suspensions and debarments nationwide.

The Task Force will meet again in January. Inspector General Miller can be contacted at GSA/OIG for additional information.