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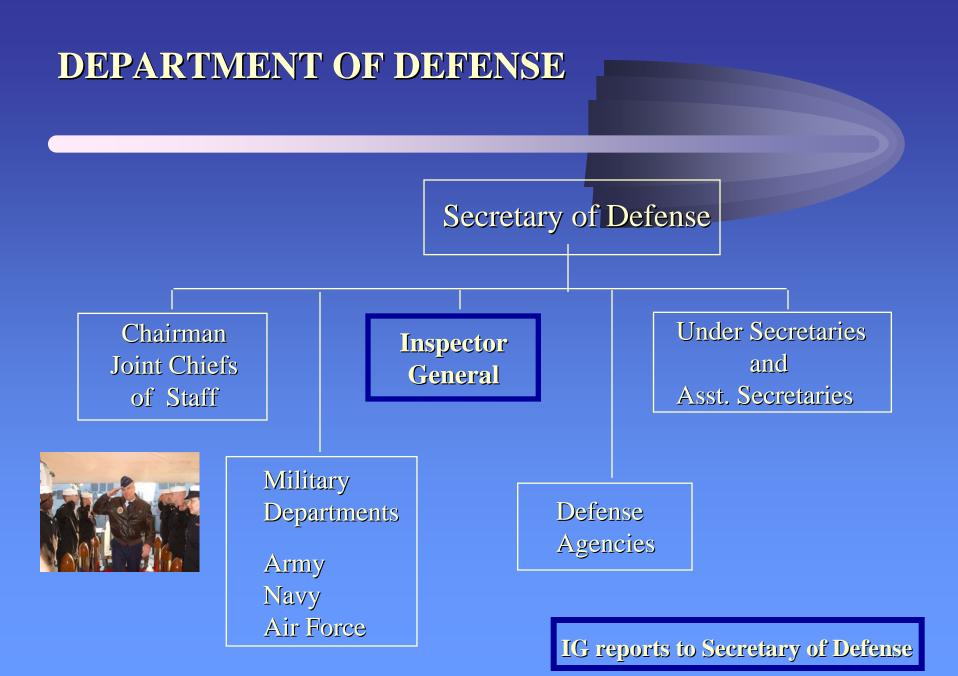
# **AUDITING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**



Office of the Deputy Inspector General for Auditing

# **FY 2008 DEFENSE BUDGET**

- Largest enterprise in the world
- Budget authority
  - -\$481.4 billion (base budget)
  - \$141.7 billion (global war on terror funding)
- Force structure
  - 1.4 million active military
  - 709,000 DoD civilians



# SELECTION OF INSPECTORS GENERAL

# Nominated by the President

Confirmed by the Senate

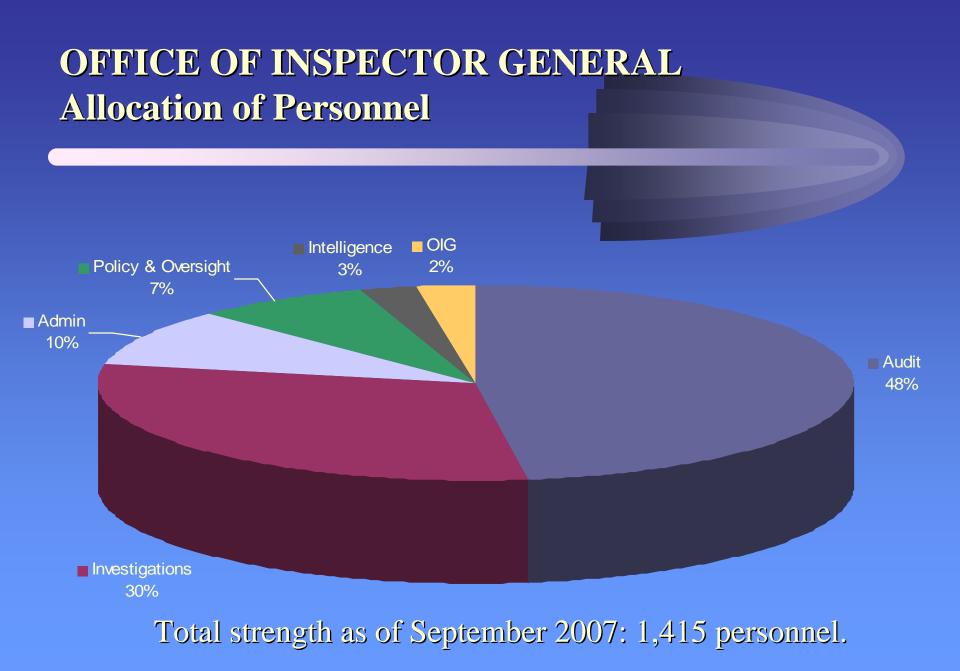
## **MISSION**

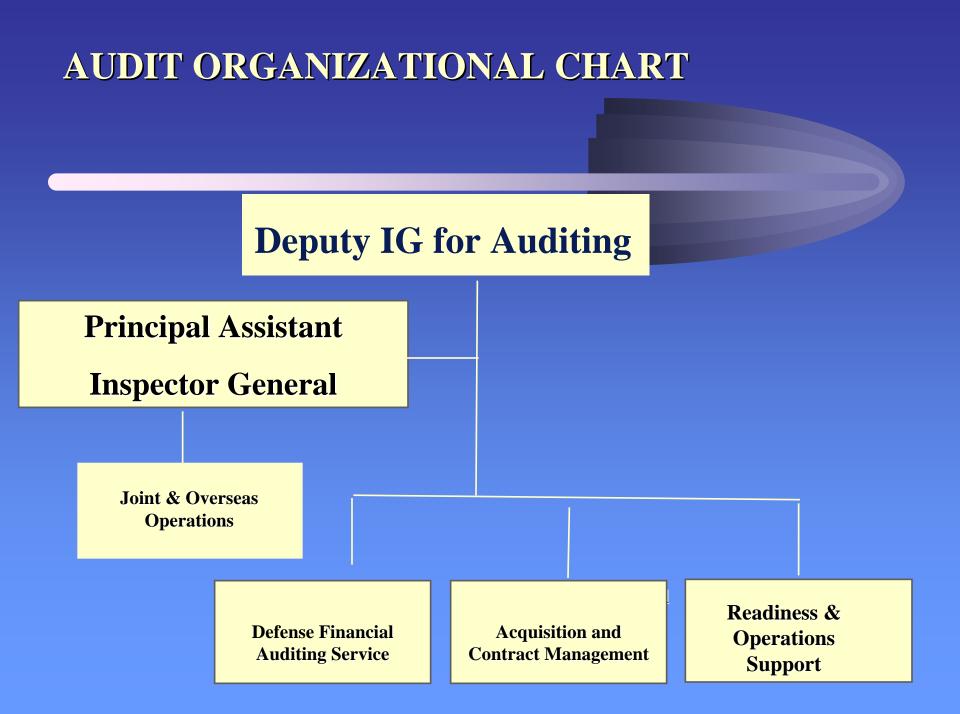
- Promote effective, efficient, and economical operations
- Prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse
- Provide policy for, and conduct, audits and investigations
- Receive and investigate complaints
- Keep the Secretary of Defense and Congress fully informed

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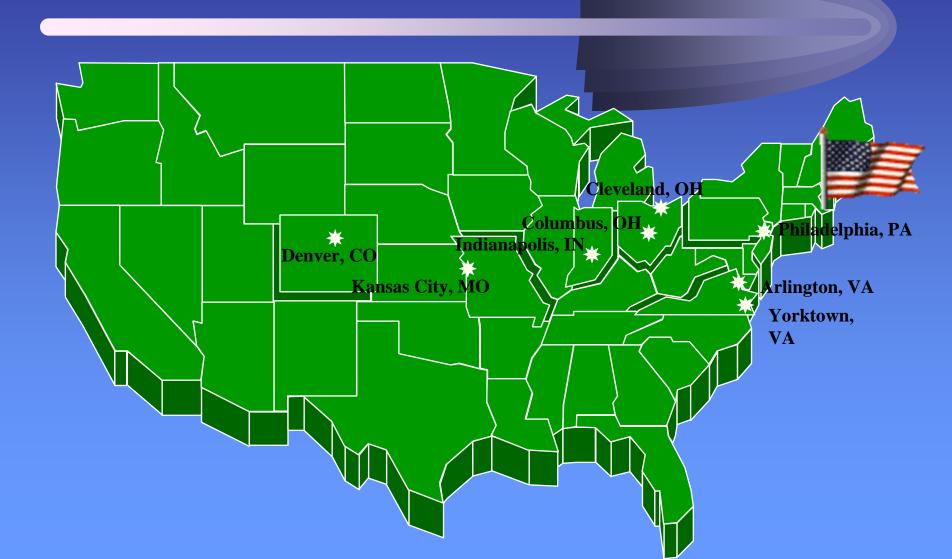
#### **Inspector General**







# LOCATION OF AUDIT OFFICES



### **AUDITING STANDARDS**

- Apply Government Auditing Standards (commonly called the Yellow Book) developed by U.S. Government Accountability Office
- Government Auditing Standards incorporate applicable standards of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Key standards require independence, competent staff, adequate documentation of conclusions, and appropriate staffing and reporting of audit results

## **TYPES OF AUDITS**



#### • PERFORMANCE



#### **FINANCIAL AUDITS**

- Financial Statement Audits provide reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements present fairly:
  - The financial position,
  - Results of operations, and
  - Cash flows in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles

# FINANCIAL AUDITS

- Financial related audits address:
  - Problem disbursements
  - Contractor payments
  - General and application controls over financial systems

#### **AUTOMATED FINANCIAL SYSTEMS GROUP**

# • Systems audits address:

- Development and acquisition of finance/accounting systems
- General and application controls systems
- System's ability to produce auditable financial statements

## **PERFORMANCE AUDITS**

- Independent assessment of the performance of a government organization, program, activity/or function
  - Economy and efficiency
  - Program audits
- Audit provides information to improve public accountability and facilitate DoD management decision making and corrective actions

# **PERFORMANCE AUDITS DoD Audit Issue Areas**

- Acquisition Program
- Base Realignment and Closure
- Charge Card
- Construction and Sustainment
- Competitive Sourcing
- Contracting Oversight & Quality Assurance
- Data Mining
- Financial

# **PERFORMANCE AUDITS DoD Audit Issue Areas**

- Global War on Terror
- Health Care and Morale
- Homeland Defense
- Human Capital
- Information Technology
- Intelligence
- Logistics
- Readiness and Force Management

# AUDITORS ADD VALUE BY HELPING TO CONTROL RISK

- Test controls in existing processes & systems
- Recommend corrections for control weaknesses
- Provide up-front advice on controls for new processes and systems in development
- Test validity of management risk assessments and accuracy of data/reports used by managers

# AUDITORS ADD VALUE BY PROMOTING CHANGE AND REFORM

- Identify opportunities for improvement
- Verify status and results of reforms
- Identify barriers to reform
- Help fine tune reforms to maximize benefits and control risks

# **AUDIT RELATED ACTIVITIES**

- Auditors may perform services other than audits:
  - Management consulting
  - Participate in problem solving DoD management advisory teams
  - Assist investigators and federal prosecutors

#### **HOW WE WORK**

Project Team

- Project Manager
- Team Leaders: 2 to 3
- Staff Auditors: 2 to 9



#### **HOW WE WORK**

- Supervision
  - Junior staff auditors work under day-to-day supervision of, and normally travel with, a team leader or senior auditor.
  - Project Managers are official supervisors, who work closely with all members of the team, prepare performance evaluations, and are responsible for career development of team members.

### **HOW WE WORK**

#### Travel

- Travel requirements may range from minimal to up to 50%.
- Usually 2 to 3 auditors travel together. Junior auditors are not expected to travel alone. Travel expenses are paid by the Government.
- Travel is typically from 1 to 3 weeks at one time. Policy is to return home at least every 3 weeks (except on occasional overseas trips).
- Amount of travel depends on audit assignment (i.e., number and location of audit activities, time sensitivity of issues being reviewed, etc.).

### **AUDITOR TRAVEL**

- From Most Offices
  - Frequently throughout the United States
  - Occasionally, audits in Europe (primarily Germany)
  - Occasionally, audits in Pacific (primarily Hawaii, Japan, & Korea)

# FREQUENT TRAVEL LOCATIONS

- Eglin AFB, FL
- San Diego, CA
- San Antonio, TX
- Tampa, FL



# **FREQUENT TRAVEL LOCATIONS**

# **But not all in the Sun Belt**

- Dayton, OH
- Omaha, NE
- Fort Monmouth, NJ
- Mechanicsburg, PA



# CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum of 80 hours of training every 2 years
- Introductory Auditor Training Course (for all new auditors)
- Intermediate and Advanced Auditor Training Courses

## TRAINING

- Auditing skills such as interviewing and report writing
- CPA/CIA coaching



Specialized subjects (e.g., systems acquisition, financial statements)

# QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY-LEVEL AUDITORS

- Bachelor's degree in accounting or a related degree that includes 24 credit hours of accounting (6 of those hours can be in business law.)
- Graduating within 9 months at the time of applying.
- Must be able to acquire and maintain a secret security clearance.
- Must be a U.S. citizen at time of applying.

#### **ENTRY-LEVEL AUDITORS**

- Entry level auditors are in Pay Band I, a developmental pay band.
- Eligible for increases in pay up to 20% per year while in Pay Band I based on performance and completion of training requirements.
- May receive annual cash bonus based on performance.
- Generally eligible for noncompetitive promotion to pay Band II within 3 to 5 years based on performance and completion of training requirements. In Pay Band II, current mid-level auditor salary starts at \$74,000.

#### **STARTING SALARY AND BONUS**

AUDITORS Washington, D.C. Area (2008)

CRITERIASALARYBONUSBachelor's Degree\$39,330\$6,700Master's Degree\$48,108\$4,000

(in business or a related field, e.g. public admin, info technology, finance, etc.)

#### **FEDERAL BENEFITS**

- Salary: Commensurate with education and experience
- Advancement: Based on performance
- Training: Heavy emphasis on enhancing employee skills
- Vacation:

Earn 13 days per year (Increases to 20 days after 3 years and 26 days after 15 years)

#### **FEDERAL BENEFITS**

- Sick Leave -- earn 13 days per year
- Holidays -- 10 days per year
- Health/Life insurance
- Retirement/Thrift Savings Plan
- Equal Employment Opportunity
- Flexible Work Schedule
- Earn credit hours for overtime worked
- Transit subsidy for employees using mass transit or vanpools

# **AUDITOR INTERN PROGRAM**

# • Major duties:

- Work as a member of an audit team
- Research applicable laws, regulations
- Gather data and prepare analyses
- Prepare working papers
- Interact with clients
- Salary: Approximately \$12.00 \$13.50 per hour
- Travel may be required
- Full-time employment opportunity

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