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DOD INSPECTOR GENERAL COMPLETES TRANSFORMATION PROCESS

Joseph E. Schmitz, inspector general (IG) of the Department of Defense, today announced the completion of a transformation process for the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) that Schmitz initiated just over one year ago. The capstones of the transformation process are new vision and mission statements and a new set of "core values" for the Office of Inspector General: accountability, integrity and efficiency.

The new mission statement clearly defines the statutory authorities that underpin the OIG and sets a clear course to align the IG with the mission of DoD and the challenges articulated in the president's management agenda and the transformation initiatives of Secretary Rumsfeld. Schmitz said "the Office of Inspector General is now in a position to move forward to fulfill its statutory and traditional role to serve both as an extension of the eyes, ears and conscience of the secretary and as an engine of positive change in support of ongoing efforts to transform the Department of Defense."

Schmitz recently briefed the secretary and the deputy secretary on the following IG transformation initiatives: (1) elimination of one layer of Senior Executive Service management through the establishment of an innovative quarterly rotation system for deputy inspectors general, replacing the previous single deputy system with a more robust leadership and IG succession plan; (2) consolidation of the previously separate criminal and administrative investigation directorates under a single Deputy IG for Investigations; and (3) creation of a new Office of Deputy IG for Inspections and Policy, not only to add a new joint inspections capability to augment the service inspectors general but also to satisfy better the OIG's statutory duty to provide policy oversight for all of the audit, inspection and investigative units throughout DoD.

As one of his first actions after being sworn into office on April 2, 2002, Schmitz commissioned an independent analysis to "assess the overall effectiveness of the OIG," including how the office "satisfies its legal, ethical, and oversight obligations within DoD."

Additional information is available:

<http://www.dodig.osd.mil/IGNEWS/IGPolicy/Final%20Strategic%20Plan%202001-2005RumB.pdf>.

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