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## **Inspector General Receives High Grades From External Auditors**

The Department of Defense Office of the Inspector General (OIG) received an “unqualified” audit opinion in a report released today from the independent auditing firm that reviewed its financial statements and activities for fiscal year 2004.

The report prepared by the accounting firm of Leon Snead & Company, P.C., provides an unqualified opinion stating “the OIG’s financial statements . . . are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.” The independent auditors’ report stated further that “tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws and regulations disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported . . . .”

“It is impossible to put a price tag on the duty to produce for the American people a transparent accounting of the receipts and expenditures of Congressionally-appropriated funds (*i.e.*, the American people’s money),” Inspector General Joseph E. Schmitz said. “The Constitution itself requires that ‘a regular Statement and Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public Money shall be published from time to time’ (Article I, Section 9).”

“By achieving a clean opinion,” the Inspector General, in an e-mail to all 1,250 officers and employees of the Office of the Inspector General said “our ‘one professional team of auditors, inspectors, and investigators,’ supported valiantly by professionals and staff of our Office of Chief of Staff, has once again proven Secretary Donald Rumsfeld’s paradigm, ‘you get what you inspect, not what you expect,’ or put differently, what you measure improves.”

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