

# Inspection and Evaluation Committee

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### MEET THE NEW UNIT ON THE BLOCK

In January 2008, the Department of Interior (DOI) Office of Inspector General announced the creation of the Office of Inspections and Evaluations (I&E). Though fairly new, DOI's I&E unit is fully functional with 50 people located in three regions: Herndon, Virginia (Eastern Region); Lakewood, Colorado (Central Region); and Sacramento, California (Western Region); and in three field offices (Albuquerque, New Mexico; St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands; and Honolulu, Hawaii). DOI's I&E unit conducts, supervises, and coordinates reviews that:



- Measure DOI programs and operations against best practices and objective criteria to determine if they are effective and efficient, achieve the desired results, and/or operate in accordance with laws and regulations;
- Provide information to or respond to data requests from Congress, the Office of Management and Budget, and DOI management about DOI's operations; and

- Evaluate the revenues and expenditures of the Insular Area Governments of Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa; and DOI funds provided under Compacts of Free Association between the U.S. Government and the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

Recent DOI I&E products include: Controls over the Transit Benefit Program, Sole Source Contracting: Culture of Expediency Curtails Competition in DOI Contracting, Evaluation of Controls to Prevent Violence at Bureau of Indian Education Operated Education Facilities, Absent Immediate Action DOI Faces Looming Leasing Crisis, and History Collection in Jeopardy at Harpers Ferry Center.

### UPCOMING MEETING

The next I&E Roundtable meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 16, 10–11 a.m., at the Department of Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240. If you would like to attend the meeting, please contact Cynthia Thomas at [cynthia.thomas@oig.hhs.gov](mailto:cynthia.thomas@oig.hhs.gov) or 410-786-7896.

### SAVE THE DATE

The I&E Training Conference is scheduled for June 16–17, 2009. Details coming soon!