

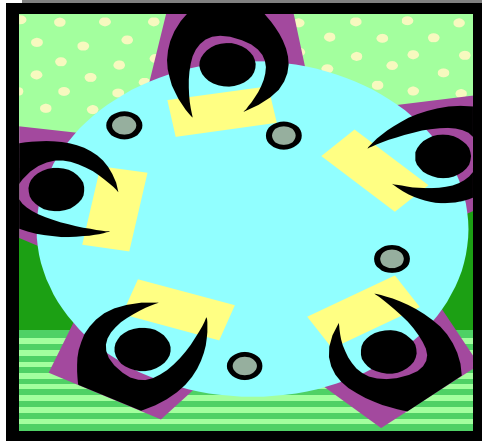
# Inspection and Evaluation Committee

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## Survey of PCIE/ECIE Inspection and Evaluation Units

In late February the I&E Committee sent a survey questionnaire to PCIE/ECIE members to identify those OIGs that have units that conduct inspections and evaluations. The purpose of the 2003 survey is to update what we know about the inspections and evaluations community and share knowledge about operations, priorities, work products, and processes.

Staff from the Department of Health and Human Services' OIG are collecting and analyzing the responses in conjunction with the Department of Commerce OIG. Responses were still trickling in by early May. Analysis of the surveys has not been completed, though some demographic information has been organized based

on results from a 1999 survey. Since many responses were received from OIG units that do not have dedicated evaluation units, project staff is still determining how to reflect those responses.

Interestingly, at least three departments (State, Energy, and Commerce) have two evaluation units within their OIG. Also, several agencies are in the process of setting up evaluation units. The new Department of Homeland Security is forming an OIG with an evaluation unit from units previously working within the Department of Treasury and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The Corporation for National and Community Service is also in the process of setting up an evaluation group. As with the last survey, the Department of Health and Human Services remains the OIG with the largest evaluation unit, with a staff of 136 and more than \$13 million in annual budget dollars. HHS is nearly 3 times larger than the next largest evaluation unit. Other agencies, such as SBA and Amtrak, have units as small as 3-5 staff.

A draft report is anticipated in June.

## Directory of OIG Reports on Purchase and Travel Cards

The I&E Committee continues to gather data to develop a comprehensive directory of OIG reports on purchase and travel cards. The directory will include all reports issued in final in recent years. Thus far, 79 percent of OIGs have replied to the data call, and we have 136 reports compiled for the directory.

- ▶ 78 on purchase cards

- ▶ 45 on travel cards
- ▶ 9 on purchase and travel
- ▶ 4 unspecified

Once compiled, the directory will be available on-line at IGnet ([www.ignet.gov](http://www.ignet.gov)), and report titles will be linked to the on-line version of the report (if available) at the corresponding OIG's web site or in PDF on a web page created by the Commerce OIG.

The directory will give interested parties easy access to the diverse body of credit card-related work conducted by the IG community.

To be of maximum value, however, the directory must be timely. Please help us complete it as quickly as possible by submitting your information promptly.

## The Travel Card Guide

The draft of the travel card guide is currently being reviewed. This best practices handbook for managing federal travel card programs will, like *A Practical Guide for Reviewing Government Purchase Card Programs*, become another valuable tool for the I&G community.

Labor OIG has taken the lead on this project.

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I&E Committee Meetings are held quarterly and rotate among IG members.

**The next I&E Committee meeting, hosted by the Department of Homeland Security OIG, will be held June 11, 10-11 a.m. at 1120 Vermont Ave., N.W., 10th floor in the Executive Suite conference room.**



**The next I&E Roundtable meeting will be hosted by the NASA OIG and held on June 5, 9:30 –11:30, at 300 E St., S.W.**