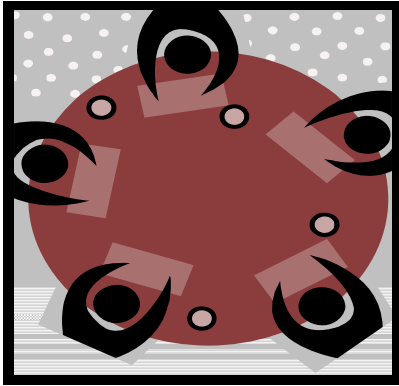


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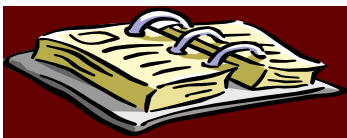
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next I&E Roundtable meeting will be held January 26. The I&E Committee will meet in early February. Details will be in our next newsletter.

AIG CONFERENCE BRINGS TOGETHER IGS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY

The Association of Inspectors General fall 2005 conference was a success. More than 100 representatives from federal, state, and local OIGs gathered for the 3-day conference in historic Old Town Alexandria. The conference included panel discussions, case analyses, and presentations on hot topics facing the IG community. Many presentations focused on the conference theme, "Role of the IG in Homeland Defense." The conference also brought together former inspectors general Jim Thomas, Art Sinai, and Gaston Gianni for a discussion about the challenges of forming an OIG and retaining independence.

First-day highlights included keynote speaker Clay Johnson, PCIE chairman and deputy director for management at the Office of Management and Budget. Johnson emphasized the role of IGs in risk management and helping to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse. He also discussed the need for a targeted approach to Hurricane Katrina and similar disasters to reduce risks and minimize waste.

Speakers from the Department of De-

fense's (DoD's) Office of Homeland Defense and the U.S. Northern Command (NORTHCOM) also discussed lessons learned in the relief and economic recovery efforts after Hurricane Katrina. In addition, a panel of IGs from intelligence agencies discussed IG operations in their unique environments. This was followed by a panel discussion, which included

comments by Lt. General Joseph Inge of NORTHCOM. Department of Homeland Security Inspector General Rick Skinner closed the first day of the conference with a discussion of the creation of DHS and the challenges of combining

components of more than 20 agencies and establishing a new OIG to oversee DHS.

Comptroller General David Walker opened Day 2 with a presentation on transformation challenges and "High Risk Update—Saving Our Nation's Future." The day's schedule also included discussions on auditing in a hostile (combat) environment, cybercrimes/IT security, data mining for credit card and identity theft, and hotline operations. Skinner also joined Melissa Heist, assistant inspector general for audits at the Environmental Protection Agency and state/local reps in a presentation titled "IG Oversight of Grant and Subvention Money." They highlighted the impor-



tance of grant management and prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse.

Of special note, I&E Committee Chair Johnnie Frazier, who is IG at the Department of Commerce, led an I&E panel discussion with I&E assistant inspectors general from DHS, DoD, Commerce, and Veterans Affairs. He discussed the role of I&E units and highlighted the powerful tools that I&E units bring to an IG's disposal—leadership, expertise, diverse backgrounds, and team players.

The conference culminated with a day of sessions that included a presentation by the Department of Justice (DOJ) on human trafficking and transnational crime.

ANNUAL PCIE/ECIE AWARDS CEREMONY HONORS THE BEST OF THE I&E COMMUNITY, AMONG OTHERS

The eighth annual PCIE/ECIE awards ceremony was held October 26, chaired by Dan Levinson, inspector general of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Congratulations to the members of the I&E community recognized for excellence:

June Gibbs Brown Career Achievement Award

Larry C. Hickerson, deputy director for acquisition inspections, DoD OIG.



ECIE Evaluation Award for Excellence

Farm Credit Administration's Elizabeth M. Dean, counsel to the IG, and Brett Parris, OIG intern, were recognized for using best practices in project management that contributed to FCA delaying implementation of a costly financial management system.

ECIE Multiple Disciplines Award for Excellence

Kevin Kaporch, deputy assistant IG for the Government Printing Office (GPO), was recognized for outstanding contributions to the Passport Fortuna System Design Procurement.

Tony Ogden, Kevin Kaporch, and Korey Morris, all with GPO OIG, were recognized for their contributions to several reports on the security and product integrity of the US passports produced by GPO.

PCIE Evaluations Award for Excellence

DOJ OIG's Federal Firearms License Inspection Team was recognized for outstanding professional and collaborative work on a review of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' policies for inspecting firearms dealers.

Justice OIG's Terrorism Task Force Inspections Team was recognized for its outstanding and comprehensive review of the department's Terrorism Task Forces.

EPA OIG's Mercury Team was recognized for outstanding work on a highly sensitive review requested by Congress of EPA's proposed rule for regulating mercury emissions from coal-fired electric utilities.



The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation was recognized for outstanding work on a complex evaluation of the Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection's approach for supervising limited-charter depository institutions.

HHS' Cross-Regional Medicaid Drug Team received an award for strategic development and completion of a series of Medicaid drug pricing reports now being used by Congress to guide payment revision efforts.

Special Act Award for Excellence

EPA's e-learning pilot IGEL team was recognized for designing, developing, communicating, and launching the OIG community's first online learning program.

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