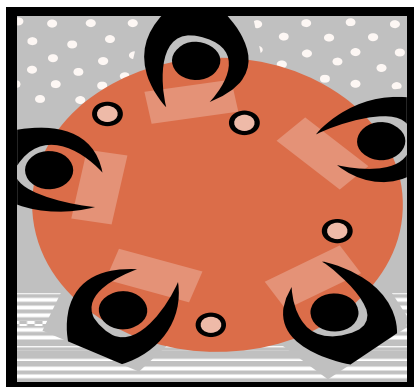


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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next I&E Committee meeting is scheduled for November 16th at the National Science Foundation.

The next I&E Roundtable meeting will be October 17th at the Department of Health and Human Services.

THE ASSOCIATION OF INSPECTORS GENERAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN PHILADELPHIA

The Association of Inspectors General (AIG) will celebrate its 10th anniversary at this year's fall 2006 conference. The city of Philadelphia OIG will host the AIG as it commemorates a decade of promoting accountability and this year's fall conference theme.



The conference will be held October 30 to November 1, 2006, at the Sheraton Society Hill in the heart of Philadelphia's historic district. It will feature broad discussions on tools for forensic investigations, inter-agency collaboration between OIGs and the U.S. Attorney's Office, whistleblowers, bid-rigging, and ways to provide greater security of assets and work products.

Scheduled presenters include a wide array of cognizant federal, state, and local officials covering many issues of importance to the IG community.

The AIG is a group of mostly state and local IGs, with increasing fed-

eral participation, that seeks to promote public accountability and integrity in the general areas of prevention, examination, investigation, audit, detection, elimination, and prosecution of fraud, waste and abuse.

Often these are our IG counterparts who are on the front line in helping to ensure that federal funds as well as their state and local monies are expended in an efficient and effective manner.

For more information on the conference and the Association of Inspectors General, visit the AIG web site at <http://www.inspectorsgeneral.org/>

IG COMMUNITY'S GUIDE TO EVALUATING AGENCY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IS COMING SOON!

The I&E Committee and its Roundtable are pleased to announce the completion of their latest publication designed to help the IG community oversee federal preparedness efforts. The guide is an accumulation of knowledge and insights of the I&E Roundtable and other components of the IG community. It provides information based on a broad, representative sample of IG work in this area and should facilitate the OIG review process. Here are some highlights from the guide.

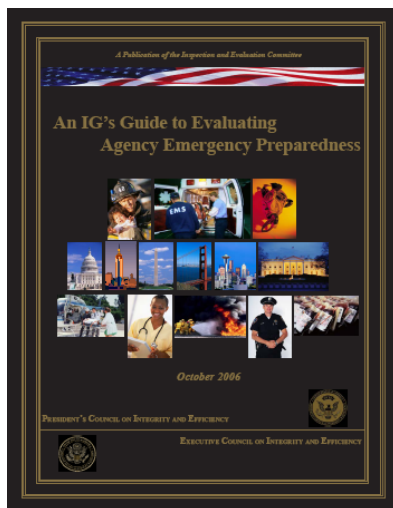
Federal Preparedness Requirements: What You Need to Know Before You Begin

The guide highlights federal laws, regulations, and guidance each OIG should be familiar with before beginning a review of your agency's preparedness, including Presidential Decision Directive 67, *Continuity of Operations*, and Homeland Security Presidential Directive 3, *Homeland Security Advisory System*.

Evaluating Your Agency's Readiness

The guide provides information on some of the basic components of an evaluation, including questions to ask, recommended programs to assess, and background material from other OIG reports. The guide also includes other useful checklists and resources.

The I&E Committee thanks all those involved in drafting the



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guide. Copies of the guide should be available at the October 17th I&E Roundtable meeting. We also plan to publish an electronic copy on the ignet.gov web site and will send hard copies to each OIG.

For more information or to obtain a copy, please contact Erin Reuther at ereuther@oig.doc.gov.

IT ROUNDTABLE SEEKS YOUR COMMENTS

The IT Roundtable is soliciting feedback from the I&E community on recent IT-related reviews. Many I&E units conduct IT-related inspections and evaluations in addition to other work.

For example, some I&E units perform FISMA evaluations, assessments of multi-agency e-government initiatives, and reviews of risks to personally identifiable information.

In order to ensure that I&E issues related to IT are effectively represented at the IT Roundtable, Roundtable members are seeking information on the types of IT-related reviews the I&E community conducts or plans to conduct.

The IT Roundtable is also interested in IT-related issues the I&E community believes would be useful for it to consider.

For more information or to e-mail more information about your unit's recent work, please contact Judy Gordon at jgordon@oig.doc.gov.

IG COMMUNITY TO REDESIGN ITS TRAINING PROGRAMS

With the recent cancellation of the IG Institute initiative, the I&E Committee is working with the Inspector General Auditor Training Institute (IGATI) and other organizations to identify ways to meet the training needs of the I&E community. IGATI is offering the following courses in November and December 2006 that may be useful for I&E units:

- Using Data Mining Techniques in Audits & Evaluations.
- Analysis for Evaluations and Inspections.
- Introductory Audit Training.
- TeamMate Electronic Working Papers.

Several courses currently identified as being of interest to I&E units that may be scheduled in the future include the following:

- Intermediate Auditor Training.
- Essentials of Report Writing.
- Enhanced Interview Skills.
- Data Gathering and Analysis with IDEA 2004.
- I&E Standards and modified Government Accountability Office Standards.
- Effective Presentation Skills and Techniques.

The list is not inclusive of all I&E community training needs. If you have additional suggestions, please contact Jill Gross at jgross@oig.doc.gov.