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## OIG Profile

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Ronald F. Huritz, who joined the Office of Inspector General in January 2005, conducts audits and oversees the work of contract auditors for the OIG.



From 1998 to 2003, Huritz served as Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Inspector General in Chicago. He planned and supervised audits of public housing authorities and community block grant recipients in a six-state region. Prior to that, Huritz served as a Tax Examiner in the Atlanta Regional Service Center of the Internal Revenue Service.

He began his Federal career in 1990 with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's sister agency, the Resolution Trust Corporation, where he assisted with the resolution of the nation's savings and loan crisis.

From 1970 to 1990, Huritz was an internal auditor in the commercial banking industry in Illinois and Florida. He is a Certified Fraud Examiner, Certified Government Financial Manager, Certified Financial Services Auditor, and Certified Business Manager. A Chicago native, Huritz holds Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Master of Business Administration degrees from DePaul University, and is a graduate of the School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. He resides in Arlington, Virginia.

## Suspect Fraud? Get on the OIG Hotline

Your supervisor asks you to sign a sheaf of blank timesheets. You notice that some of your fellow volunteers are related to the program's director. Your living allowance checks bounce. You're assigned duties that are unrelated to the mission of your community program.

You need to call on our toll-free Hotline, (800) 452-8210, or fire off an e-mail to; [hotline@cncsoig.gov](mailto:hotline@cncsoig.gov).

It's your duty. And it will do your program and your community a world of good.

Most of the cases investigated by the Office of Inspector General originate with reports from volunteers, program officials and Corporation employees. Each allegation or report made via the Hotlines is fully investigated by the OIG.

When you call, our investigators will ask you to provide complete, accurate and truthful information.

You may also be asked to supply documents or other information.

All Hotline callers and e-mailers may remain anonymous or have their confidentiality protected during the course of the investigation. But justice can often be served more quickly and effectively when tipsters go on the record. For those who fear a backlash, be advised



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## Get Free Training on Fraud, Audit Issues

Can you spot a fraud? Do you know the steps involved in an Office of Inspector General Audit? You can get the answers from experts for free through the OIG's Fraud Awareness Briefings and audit training programs.

Our Special Agents include Fraud Awareness Briefings in their itineraries whenever they visit a program while investigating a case. The service is also available free to any large gathering or professional training session for groups or individuals involved in Corporation for National and Community Service programs.

Our multimedia Fraud Awareness Briefings will give you insights in the role and mission of the OIG and familiarize you with typical fraud crimes that impact Corporation grantees. You'll also find



out how to spot common fraud indicators and learn when and how to contact the OIG when you suspect there is a problem.

This important outreach program pays dividends to the OIG. Many of our successful investigations, including those that nip criminal activity in the bud, are launched following a call or e-mail to our Hotlines from Fraud Awareness Briefing attendees.

OIG auditors are also available for training sessions that will take the mystery out of Office and Management and Budget requirements, entrance and exit conferences, questioned costs, documentation and other aspects of the audits that the OIG performs to measure grantee compliance, performance and efficiency.

The audit training also gives grantees the expertise to identify and correct potential financial and compliance problems before they become audit issues.

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## For Your Inspection



### Ex-Members Plead Guilty to Welfare Fraud

Four former VISTA members from Michigan have plead guilty to State welfare fraud charges following an Office of Inspector General investigation of abuses of the Corporation's VISTA Care child care benefit program.

Former VISTA members Anna Goree, Veronique King, Lanaye Williams and Dwana Parker received benefits concurrently from VISTA Care and the State of Michigan, a violation of both Corporation and State regulations that bar participants from receiving benefits from more than one source. All four had signed VISTA Care documents attesting that they were aware of the regulations.

The total loss to the government in the four cases was more than \$24,000. The former members are waiting sentencing.

The cases were investigated by OIG Senior Special Agent William Ruley, who used State and Federal records to build his cases and coordinated his effort with Michigan officials.

VISTA Care and AmeriCorps Care, a child care benefit program for AmeriCorps members, are administered for the Corporation by the National Association of Child Care Resources and Referral Agencies. (NACCRRRA). The agency also provides assistance with child care costs to members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

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that the OIG vigorously seeks sanctions against anyone who breaks Federal law by retaliating against a "whistle-blower."

The types and scope of Hotline tips received by the OIG are testaments to a strong commitment to service and integrity on the part of the national service community. For example, a number of frauds have been reported to the OIG by program officials and other employees who first attempted to advise their supervisors or colleagues about concerns ranging from violations of grant provisions to criminal acts.

Abuses that have been reported by program officials include the enrollment of relatives (nepotism), using volunteers to supplant paid employees, enrolling employees as volunteers to supplement employee pay, and outright theft of Federal grant funds.

Volunteers victimized by rogue program officials are also prime sources of Hotline reports. One recent fraud unraveled after a student, who had been duped into joining an AmeriCorps program and signing blank time sheets, blew the whistle when he received the paperwork for an education award he had not earned.

Other concerns reported to the OIG by AmeriCorps, VISTA and Senior Corps members include service assignments unrelated to the grant, requests from supervisors that they refund all or part of their living allowances "to keep the program going" and fellow volunteers claiming hours they have not served.

The main rule of thumb for utilizing the OIG Hotline is "when in doubt, call." The OIG's team of professional investigators and auditors will determine if the reported allegation is true or unfounded. When allegations are found to have merit, our agents will develop the case and present it for prosecution to the U.S. Department of Justice.

Dollars invested in the Corporation's service programs will always be limited. Your assistance in uncovering and foiling a fraud of as little as \$16,000 means one more AmeriCorps member can be supported for a full year of community service. Helping to stop the theft of as little as \$500 means one more Senior Corps member can be deployed to make a difference as a youth mentor or Senior Companion.

Keep those Hotline calls and e-mails coming. You'll be providing a real community service

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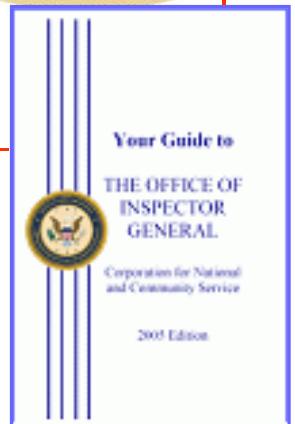
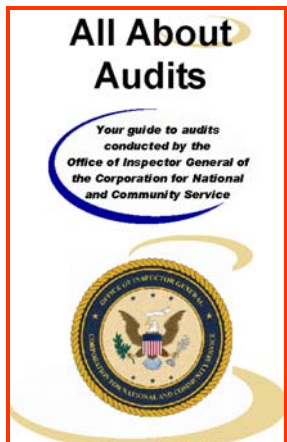
To arrange for a Fraud Awareness Briefing at your national service conference or training session, call Robert Walters, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, at (202) 606-9369.

To arrange for an audit training session for your group or conference, call Carol Bates, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, at (202) 606-9356.

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