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Federal Audit Executive Council

PURPOSE: To discuss and coordinate issues affecting the Federal audit community with special emphasis on audit policy and operations of common interest to members.

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION: Federal Audit Executive Council (FAEC).

AUTHORITY: The FAEC is one of three subgroups established by the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) to aid in the accomplishment of their mission. The CIGIE was established as an independent entity within the Executive Branch by *The Inspector General Reform Act of 2008*, P.L. 110-409, to address integrity, economy, and effectiveness issues that transcend individual Government agencies, and to increase the professionalism and effectiveness of personnel by developing policies, standards, and approaches to aid in the establishment of a well-trained and highly skilled workforce in the Offices of the Inspectors General. To accomplish its mission, the CIGIE:

- Continually identify, review, and discuss areas of weakness and vulnerability in Federal programs and operations with respect to fraud, waste, and abuse;
- Develop plans for coordinated, Government-wide activities that address these problems and promote economy and efficiency in Federal programs and operations, including interagency and inter-entity audit, investigation, inspection, and evaluation programs and reports to deal efficiently and effectively with those problems concerning fraud and waste that exceed the capability or jurisdiction of an individual agency or entity;
- Develop policies that will aid in the maintenance of a corps of well-trained and highly skilled Inspector General personnel;
- Maintain an Internet website and other electronic systems for the benefit of all Inspectors General;
- Maintain one (1) or more academies as the Council considers desirable for the professional training of auditors, investigators, inspectors, evaluators, and other personnel of the various office of Inspector General;
- Submit recommendations of individuals to the appropriate appointing authority for any appointment to an office of Inspector General described under subsection (b)(1)(A) or (B);
- Make such reports to Congress as the Chairperson determines are necessary or appropriate; and
- Perform other duties within the authority and jurisdiction of the Council, as appropriate.

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES: The scope and activities of the FAEC include but are not limited to issuing guidance on the external Peer Review Process;

coordinating joint audit projects; providing input on policies related to Federal Government audits; and coordinating with the Government Accountability Office, Office of Management and Budget, and others on matters affecting audit policy.

MEMBERSHIP: Council membership is voluntary and consists of all Deputy or Assistant Inspectors General for Audit(ing) (DIGA/AIGA) or equivalent from all Federal agencies with an Inspector General under the provisions of the Inspectors General Act, as amended; Director, Defense Contract Audit Agency; and Auditors General of the military services.

OFFICERS/ORGANIZATION: The FAEC shall consist of the following officers and committees.

- Chairperson who is selected by the FAEC members and serves for a one (1) year term. The chairperson will call, arrange, and conduct Council meetings; establish meeting agenda; arrange for required staff support; and sign, as Chairperson, any Council correspondence or documents.
- Vice-Chairperson who is selected by the FAEC members and serves for a one (1) year term. The Vice-Chair will act in the absence of the Chairperson in all capacities.
- Executive Committee that consists of the Chair and the Chairs of the standing committees listed below. The Executive Committee will coordinate any Council directed activity, study, or project, and advise the Chairperson on issues to be brought to the Council's attention.
- Standing Committees are as follows:
 - Audit Issues
 - Financial Statements
 - Information Technology
 - Human Resources
 - Training
 - Contracting
 - Annual Conference.

Each Standing Committee will have a Chair and an Executive Board of at least five (5) members of the FAEC as well as any additional persons as the Standing Committee deems appropriate.

- Working Groups established at the discretion of the FAEC Chairperson. Working groups may include members and non-members of the Council.

ELECTIONS: Election of officers shall be held annually during the month of February or whenever necessitated by vacancy.

VOTING: Any action taken which reflects Council opinion or represents an official Council position shall be decided by a two-thirds vote of members

present. A designee can vote when representing the member at meetings where a vote is called.

REPORTING: The FAEC will report to the Audit Committee of the CIGIE and other organizations as deemed appropriate.

NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS: The Committee will meet bi-monthly or more often as determined by the Chair. All meetings shall be documented in the form of minutes that shall be disseminated to all FAEC members. In addition, the Committee will hold an annual conference to disseminate information to top leadership officials on its progress in achieving planned results and discuss special challenges and other events of interest. A monthly meeting typically will not be held during the month an annual conference is being held.

Attested by:

 04/21/2009
Michael R. Phillips, Chair

The original FAEC charter was issued and attested by Alexis M. Stefani, Chair, on May 25, 2005, and reissued and attested by Mary L. Ugone, Chair, on December 12, 2008, to reflect the creation of the new FAEC Contracting Standing Committee. The Charter was reissued and attested by Michael R. Phillips, on April 21, 2009, to reflect the establishment of the CIGIE.