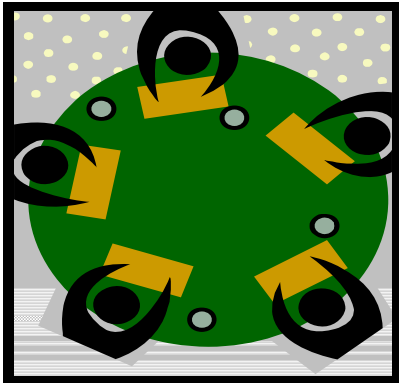


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I&E COMMITTEE WELCOMES NEW FCA IG CARL CLINEFELTER

Carl A. Clinefelter, who was announced as the new Farm Credit Administration (FCA) IG on July 7, 2005 by the FCA Board, joins the I&E Committee as our newest member.

Since joining FCA in 1980, Mr. Clinefelter has served the agency in many capacities, including regional supervisory officer in the former Office of Supervision; as an enforcement examiner in the former Enforcement Division; and as Acting Director for the former Office of Special Supervision and Corporate Affairs.



Mr. Clinefelter came to FCA after serving as an assistant vice president at the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of New Orleans where he was responsible for supervising all production credit associations in Mississippi.

The FCA is the safety and soundness regulator of the cooperative Farm Credit System. FCA charters, regu-

lates, and examines the 109 banks, associations, and service corporations of FCS. These institutions make loans to agricultural producers and their cooperatives nationwide.

As inspector general, Mr. Clinefelter is responsible for leading the organization and supporting the mission of the FCA OIG "to be an agent of positive change, striving for continuous improvement in FCA's management and program operations."

AIG CONFERENCE HITS OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA

The Association of Inspectors General will hold its fall conference Nov. 2-5, 2005, in historic Old Town Alexandria, VA. The biannual event will bring together federal, state and local IGs for 4 days and includes activities and discussions centered on issues facing the IG community.

The Department of Defense Office of Inspector General is working with AIG on the conference. This year's theme is the "Role of the IG in Homeland Defense." An impressive array of speakers and interesting sessions is being planned, covering such topics as:

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next I&E Committee and Roundtable joint meeting will be held on Oct. 13, 2005, at the Commerce Department.

- how IGs can make a difference in homeland defense;
- intelligence oversight; and
- auditing in a hostile combat environment;

More information and registration forms are available online at www.inspectorsgeneral.org.

I&E CHAIR JOINS INVESTIGATION AND HR CHAIRS AT AGA CONFERENCE

Johnnie Frazier, I&E Committee Chair, along with Kenneth Donohue, Investigation Committee Chair, and Nikki Tinsley, HR Committee Chair, presented “OIG Watchdogs: *Preparing Tomorrow’s OIG Accountability Professionals*” at the July 13, 2005 AGA Conference in Orlando, Florida. The major theme of the presentation was the role of the IG community as agents of positive change.

As part of their presentation, the Commerce, HUD, and EPA IGs highlighted the numerous PCIE/ECIE committees and recognized the

value of working together as a “team” to confront common challenges. One of this year’s major projects included OIG training initiatives to develop and maintain a corps of well-trained and highly skilled accountability professionals.

PROJECTS UNDER WAY

BEST PRACTICES GUIDE FOR REVIEWING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

The Disaster Preparedness working group continues to make progress on the interagency best practices guide.

Jim Seacord, Defense Intelligence Agency OIG, and the working group are reviewing the second round draft booklet and incorporating the working group’s comments.

The working group will meet in late September to review and finalize the booklet, which will be presented to the full Committee and Roundtable on Oct. 13, 2005. We hope to issue this booklet by Dec. 31, 2005.

TRAINING NEWS

DHS OIG HOSTS INTERVIEW TRAINING SESSIONS AND INVITES I&E COMMUNITY

The Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General, Office of Inspections and Special Reviews, is hosting several train-

ing sessions on enhancing interviewing skills. The office provided multiple slots for other I&E units and reports it received a positive response with 72 people registered and at full capacity. The three training sessions are scheduled for: Aug. 17-18, 2005; Sept. 7-8, 2005; and Sept. 21-22, 2005.

Participants in the first class included representatives from Defense Intelligence Agency, Energy, and Commerce. Feedback thus far has been very positive.

Some of the objectives of the course include:

- understanding the purpose of the interview process;
- scheduling the interview;
- starting and keeping the interview on track;
- handling hostile or reluctant interviewees;
- understanding the importance of listening;
- forming and asking dynamic questions;
- involving all members of the interview team; and
- documenting the results of the interview.

The course is designed to teach examples and interactive practice exercises that are based on the experiences of DHS OIG inspectors. For more information, contact Homaira Emam at 202-254-4022.

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