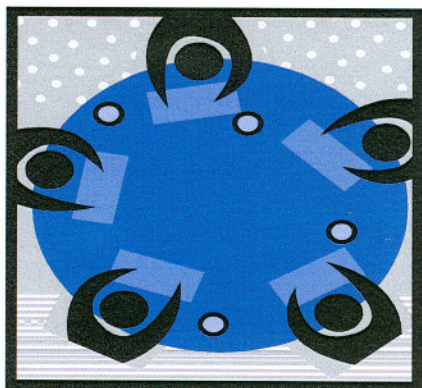


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Happy New Year



Welcome New Committee Members and Thanks to the 2006 Members

Committee Chair Johnnie Frazier gives a most hearty welcome to the new Inspection and Evaluation Committee members, Jon Rymer, FDIC IG, and David Kotz, Peace Corps IG. He also thanks those IGs who served on the Committee during the past year.

Most of those members will continue on the committee, but Gordon Heddell, Labor IG, will move over to another committee in 2007. Gordon was an important partner in the Committee's efforts to strengthen OIG oversight of the federal workers' compensation program.

Inspection and Evaluation Committee's November Meeting Hosted by NSF

The I&E Committee held its final 2006 meeting at the National Science Foundation on November 16. Committee Chair Johnnie Frazier thanked NSF IG Tina Boesz for hosting the meeting, and also HHS OIG Dan Levinson for hosting the October I&E Roundtable meeting.

Dr. Boesz provided the committee with a brief overview of NSF as well as NSF OIG. In addition, she and Jill Schamberger, head of the NSF OIG performance audit group which performs NSF OIG's inspections and evaluations, presented the results of their office's recent review of the publication of NSF-funded research. They found that many NSF-funded research reports are never published, even though grantees are required to publish information on their research in annual and final reports, and providing access to these unpublished works could be beneficial for scientists seeking to further develop the ideas or do additional research on the same subject.

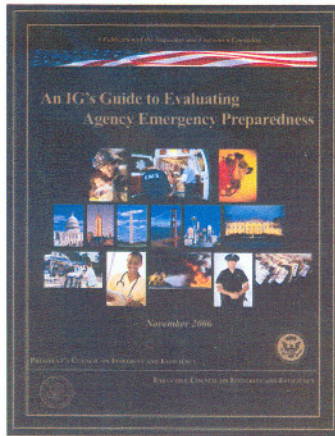


UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Inspection and Evaluation Committee and Roundtable will hold a joint meeting in February or March 2007 at Commerce OIG. For more information about any item in this newsletter, contact Erin Reuther at 202-482-4069 (ereuther@oig.doc.gov) or Jill Gross at 202-482-2754 (jgross@oig.doc.gov)



2006: I&E Committee Accomplishments & Updates



IG's Guide to Evaluating Emergency Preparedness

This popular how-to guide represents the collaborative expertise of 17 OIGs who have conducted work in this critical area. It highlights federal laws, regulations, guidance, checklists and resources, as well as best practices, that each OIG should be familiar with before beginning a review of an agency's emergency preparedness. We continue to get requests for the guide and are preparing a CD-ROM.

Workers' Compensation Symposium & Joint Reviews

The I&E Committee and Roundtable members continue their collaborative efforts with other OIG units to detect waste and abuse in the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA) or workers' compensation program. In March 2006, the Committee and the Labor and Commerce IGs sponsored a symposium to build a more coordinated approach to the IG community's FECA-related work, and to help OIG staff learn how to better oversee the management of the workers' compensation program. Several OIGs are starting reviews of their agency's FECA program.

Pilot Peer Review of DHS' I&E Office

In July 2006, at the request of the DHS IG, several members of the I&E Roundtable conducted a pilot peer review of DHS' I&E office. There were lessons learned and best practices that can be shared with the I&E community to help improve operations.

Review of Federal Trade Coordination

Several I&E Committee and Roundtable members, along with several OIG audit units, are currently working together in response to a House Small Business Committee request for six IGs (State, Commerce, SBA, USAID, USDA and Treasury) to review how their agencies coordinate their trade promotion activities with other public and private trade organizations. The IGs will be making a number of recommendations to improve interagency cooperation to expand U.S. exports.

I&E Community Outreach

This past year, I&E Committee members continued to facilitate discussions within the inspector general community in an effort to reach out to other federal, state, local, and international inspectors general to help them expand or set up I&E units and gain from cooperative efforts. Several new I&E units are being established and the Committee's outreach and assistance will continue in 2007.

I&E Training

With the end to the IG Institute initiative, the I&E Committee has been seeking alternative ways to help meet the training needs of the I&E community. Various options are being considered and will be shared in future newsletters.

2007: A Year to Revitalize I&E Training & Explore More Joint Projects