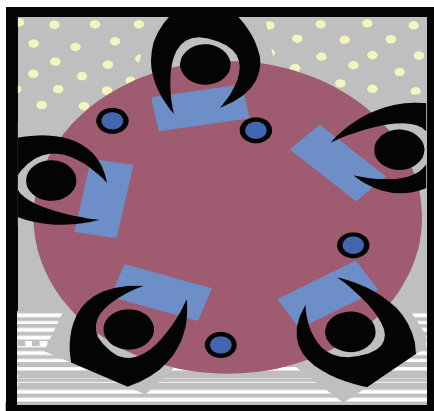


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INSPECTION AND EVALUATION TRAINING CONFERENCE

FOSTERING OUR EVALUATION COMMUNITY



**Tuesday, June 16, and
Wednesday, June 17, 2009
in Arlington, VA**

Who should attend:

All levels within Inspection and Evaluation units: new and experienced analysts, team leaders, managers, and new executives.

The conference will help you:

- gain insight into how evaluations can create impact,
- share best practices with evaluation experts,
- discover resources and development opportunities for your I & E unit,
- learn evaluation approaches geared to I & E offices, and
- network with OIG/I & E professionals interested in building skill and capacity.

How to register:

To register for the training, visit the CIGIE I & E Committee Web site at <http://www.ignet.gov/pande/iande1.html>.

Training Location:

The conference will take place at the L. William Seidman Center in Arlington, VA. The Center is part of the FDIC campus which includes a hotel, fitness center, swimming pool, cafeteria, and business center.

To reserve a hotel room at \$175 per night, plus tax, contact FDIC at (703) 516-4630. Indicate that you are with the CIGIE I & E training conference.

UPCOMING MEETING: I & E ROUNDTABLE

The next I & E Roundtable meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 10:00 a.m. The meeting is hosted by the Department of Health and Human Services: Room 5542, Cohen Building, 330 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20201.

**TRAINING AGENDA:
AT A GLANCE**

Tuesday, June 16

- 8:00 Check in and breakfast
- 8:30 Welcome: Daniel Levinson, IG for the Department of Health and Human Services
- 9:00 Michael Quinn Patton: *Major directions, issues, and trends in evaluation*
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Group discussion: Led by Michael Patton
- 11:45 Lunch at the FDIC Seidman center
- 12:30 Dana Brower: *Generational differences in work teams*
- 2:00 Group discussion: Led by Dana Brower
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Debra Rog: *Evaluation community resources and networks*
- 4:30 Networking reception

Wednesday, June 17

- 8:00 *I & E Assistant Inspectors General Panel: "Foresight, Insight, and Hindsight"*: Led by William (Brem) Morrison, AIG for I & E at Department of Defense

Panelists include:

- Elise Ennis, AIG for Inspections, Department of Energy;
- Carlton I. Mann, AIG for Inspections, Department of Homeland Security;
- Robert B. Peterson, AIG for Inspections, Department of State; and
- John David Daigh, Jr, AIG for Healthcare Inspections, Department of Veterans Affairs.

9:30 Break

10:00 Kathryn Newcomer: *Producing high-impact results: Where do you start?*

11:30 Group discussion: Led by Kathryn Newcomer

12:30 Lunch on your own

1:30 Kenneth Gold: *IGs and the 111th Congress*

3:00 Break

3:15 Group discussion: Led by Kenneth Gold

4:15 Closing remarks: Jon Rymer, IG for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

TRAINING VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to help with a number of functions at the training. Functions include facilitating group discussions and assisting with registration. Please email anne.bracken@oig.hhs.gov if interested.

STANDARD OF THE MONTH

PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT

Periodically, we highlight a standard from the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency's Quality Standards for Inspections. This encourages the consistent application of these standards throughout the Inspector General community.

Maintaining professional judgment means maintaining integrity, objectivity, and independence. Professional judgment requires the exercise of professional skepticism by questioning and assessing all evidence.

The following should be considered when using professional judgment:

1. Work should be in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.
2. Work should be timely and complete, using appropriate methods and techniques.
3. Evidence is gathered and reported in an independent manner and report findings can be supported.
4. OIG staff coordinates inspection results with appropriate officials.