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OIG Profile

Shamika Scott

Auditor

Shamika L. Scott, who joined the Office of Inspector General as an auditor in September 2005, also serves as the OIG Audit Section's statistician.

Her timely and accurate compilation of audit data, which forms the basis of OIG reports to the Corporation, Congress and the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency, earned Scott a 2007 Award of Merit from Inspector General Gerald Walpin.

Prior to joining the OIG, Scott was an internal auditor for the Naval Audit Service. Her work included examining Navy and Marine Corps operations and acquisitions, particularly research and development programs. Her audit efforts were acknowledged by the Navy with a Special Act Award in 2002.

Scott was born in Anderson, SC, and currently resides in suburban Maryland. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration (Accounting) in 2000 from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N.C.

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OIG Advocates Grantee Accountability

An AmeriCorps member has faithfully performed service, accumulating what he or she believes to be the 1,700 hours of community service that qualifies the member to receive an education award. But improprieties and other problems are uncovered by an Office of Inspector General audit or investigation of the grantee, placing that benefit in jeopardy.

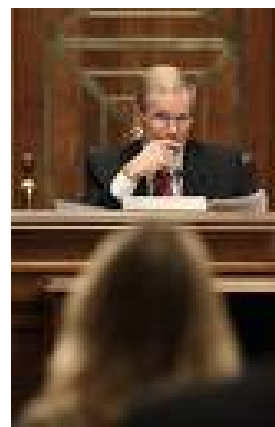
If mistakes have been made or rules have been violated, who should pay the price?

In cases where AmeriCorps members are innocent of any wrongdoing, the OIG advocates holding grantees solely accountable for their errors or misdeeds and for making full reimbursement of the education award to the Corporation.

The OIG and Corporation management have been in discussions to develop a policy that would assure that members receive their benefits, despite the errors or misdeeds of the grantee officials charged with supervising their service.

“AmeriCorps members and other volunteers are the Corporation's most important asset and their protection from misuse or abuse is a top priority of this office,” said Inspector General Gerald Walpin. “There is no reason innocent members and volunteers should be penalized for mistaken or wrongful actions taken by grantee officials.”

OIG audits often result in questioned education awards and other member benefit costs. The grounds can range from simple miscalculations – or flawed reporting – of member service hours by



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Kenneth Bach Is New Assistant IG For Support

Veteran investigator and technology specialist Kenneth Bach has been named the new Assistant Inspector General for Support in the Office of Inspector General. Bach, who most recently served the OIG as Chief Technology Officer, will oversee the OIG Support Section, which is responsible for day-to-day operations, budgeting and finance, information technology and communications.

Bach succeeds Linda Wallis, who retired at the end of May following a distinguished 30-year career in the Federal Government.

“While Linda can never easily be replaced, I am pleased to announce that her successor will be Ken Bach, whom we all know as an extremely able, cooperative and collegial colleague,” said Inspector General Gerald Walpin. “We all should congratulate Ken on his promotion and congratulate our office on our good fortune to have him in that position.”



Kenneth Bach

Bach, who formerly worked in the OIG's Investigative Section as a Senior Special Agent, rejoined the staff in September 2004 the Technology Coordinator. Within a few months Bach was reassigned as Chief Technology Officer, where he managed the OIG Information Technology (IT) systems and implemented a series of key upgrades and improvements. An addition to his new duties, he will continue in that role.

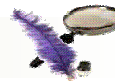
Prior to rejoining the OIG, Bach was a Senior Special Agent and Team Leader at the Department of the Interior Office of Inspector General's Program Integrity Division. His team successfully investigated senior Interior employees who had illicitly accepted favors from disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff and other individuals, Bach developed an automated system that scanned and linked thousands of documents to develop investigative leads for the team.

Bach began his investigative and IT career during 22 years of service in the U.S. Army, where he was a Criminal Investigation Division agent specializing in white collar crime.

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For Your Inspection



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Linda Wallis

Born in Buffalo, NY, he is a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute, President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency, Leadership Development Academy. Bach earned a bachelor's degree, cum laude, in Criminal Justice from the University of Central Florida in 1998.

Linda Wallis, who began her Federal service in May 1978, joined the OIG as Contracting Officer in 2002 and became Assistant Inspector General for Support in 2003.

She came to the OIG after a long and distinguished career in military contract supervision and development, supporting America's fighting men and women with postings around the nation and the world.

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Embezzler Gets Prison

The former director of a Missouri Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is headed to Federal prison following an investigation by the Office of Inspector General.

Acting on a tip from Corporation management, an OIG investigation analyzed program records and established that Jennifer C. Rugg, former RSVP Project Director for Ray County, MO., embezzled more than \$80,000 from the Corporation-funded program.

Rugg pled guilty to one count of Theft of Program Funds and was sentenced in April to four months of confinement in a Federal prison, followed by three years of supervised probation, and was ordered to make \$84,436 in restitution to the Government.

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grantees to serious violations of grant provisions, including using members in non-allowed activities or service outside of the scope of the grant.

Walpin also stressed that, in cases where volunteer members have been found to have willfully violated program rules or misused Federal funds, the OIG will press for severe sanctions, including full reimbursement by the violator.

The effort to strengthen grantee accountability is part of a larger OIG effort to maximize the recovery of Federal taxpayer funds involved in cases of waste, fraud, or abuse. It includes working to increase the pace of resolution of issues raised by OIG audits, crafting more detailed and compelling referrals for prosecution to the U.S. Justice Department, and providing an education program to fully inform new and returning grantees of the responsibilities that go with their acceptance of Federal taxpayer funds.

"Every dollar that we can recover as a result of our audits and investigation can be reinvested in the community service programs that are making a difference in our communities," said Walpin. "We are working to see to it that those funds are recovered and effectively reinvested as quickly as possible."

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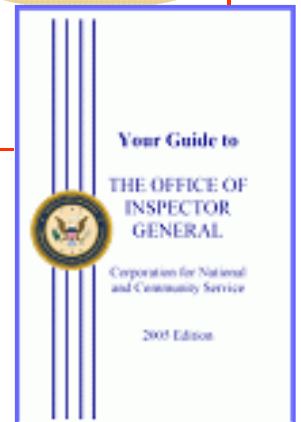
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