

Charter
Defense Council on Integrity and Efficiency

Pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, and Department of Defense Directive 5106.1 (“Inspector General of the Department of Defense”), the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, as “the principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense for matters relating to the prevention and detection of fraud, waste, and abuse in the programs and operations of the Department” (IG Act, Section 8(c)(1)), hereby establishes a council of the leaders of the various audit, inspection, and investigative units within the Department of Defense, the main purpose of which is to ensure “effective coordination and cooperation” between and among the activities of the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, and “the activities of the internal audit, inspection, and investigative units of the military departments with a view toward avoiding duplication” (IG Act, Section 8(c)(9)).

Section 1. Establishment of the Defense Council on Integrity and Efficiency.

- (a) There is established, within the Department of Defense, a Defense Council on Integrity and Efficiency (DCIE), which is modeled after the President’s Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE).

- (b) The DCIE shall be composed of the following members:
 - (1) The Inspector General of the Department of Defense, who shall serve as Chair of the Council
 - (2) The Principal Deputy Inspector General of the Department of Defense, who shall serve as Vice Chair of the Council;
 - (3) The Auditor General of the Army;
 - (4) The Auditor General of the Navy;
 - (5) The Auditor General of the Air Force;
 - (6) The Inspector General of the Army;
 - (7) The Naval Inspector General;
 - (8) The Inspector General of the Air Force;
 - (9) The Inspector General of the United States Marine Corps;
 - (10) The Commander, Army Criminal Investigation Command;
 - (11) The Director, Naval Criminal Investigative Service;
 - (12) The Commander, Air Force Office of Special Investigations;
 - (13) The Director, Defense Contract Audit Agency;
 - (14) The Director, Defense Contract Management Agency;
 - (15) The Inspector General, Joint Staff;
 - (16) The Inspector General of the National Security Agency;
 - (17) The Inspector General of the Defense Intelligence Agency;
 - (18) The Inspector General of the National Reconnaissance Office;
 - (19) The Inspector General of the National Imaging and Mapping Agency;
 - (20) The Inspector General, Defense Information Systems Agency; and
 - (21) The Inspector General of the National Guard Bureau.

- (c) The General Counsel, Department of Defense, shall be a permanent observer to the Council.
- (d) The Chair shall convene meetings of the DCIE on a quarterly basis during the year.
- (e) The Chair may, from time to time, invite other interested parties, including other officials within the Office of the Inspector General, as appropriate.

Section 2. Functions of the DCIE.

- (a) The Chairman of the DCIE shall continually endeavor to identify and to discuss with the other members of the DCIE opportunities, within the programs and operations of the Department of Defense, for “leadership and coordination [in] activities designed (A) to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the administration of, and (B) to prevent and detect fraud and abuse in, such programs and operations” (IG Act, Section 2(2)). These opportunities may address but need not be limited to audit, inspection, and investigative projects that exceed the capability or jurisdiction of an individual agency or component.
- (b) The Council shall develop initiatives that will aid in ensuring well-trained and highly skilled audit, inspection and investigative staffs.
- (c) The individual members of the Council should, to the extent permitted under law, participate in the plans, programs, and projects of the Council.
- (d) The creation and operation of the Council shall neither interfere with existing authority and responsibilities in the relevant agencies and entities nor augment or diminish the statutory authority or responsibilities of individual members.

Section 3. Responsibilities of the Chair of the DCIE.

- (a) The Chair shall, in consultation with the members of the Council, establish the agenda for DCIE activities.
- (b) The Chair shall, on behalf of the Council, report to the Secretary of Defense on the activities of the Council. The Chair shall, as appropriate, advise the Council with respect to the Secretary’s consideration of the Council’s activities.
- (c) The Chair shall establish, in consultation with members of the Council, such standing committees or ad hoc task forces of the DCIE as deemed necessary and appropriate for the efficient conduct of DCIE functions.

Section 4. Administrative Support.

The Chair shall designate an Executive Secretary of the DCIE, who shall provide the Council with such administrative support as may be necessary for the performance of the functions of the Council.