



INSPECTIONS AND EVALUATIONS
FY08 ANNUAL PLAN
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

HUD OIG Plan of Action

Overview

The Inspections and Evaluations Division (IED) provides the Inspector General (IG) with an alternative means to quickly analyze and evaluate the efficiency or vulnerability of the Department's programs and operations. The office conducts inspections and evaluations using various study methods and evaluative techniques in order to provide timely information to improve policies, programs and procedures.

Role of Office of Inspections and Evaluations

The Special Agent in Charge, IED, is responsible for conducting short-term management and program evaluations (inspections) that focus on issues of concern to the Department, Congress, and the public.

The Office of Investigation's IED function primarily resides in Headquarters, Washington, DC. The IED is managed by a Special Agent in Charge (SAC) and Deputy Director and has two forensic auditors assigned as staff. IED also draws from the forensic auditors in Regions II, III, V, and IX.

The HUD OIG Office of Investigation's Inspections and Evaluations activities are designed to: promote economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the administration of HUD's programs, detect and deter fraud and abuse in HUD programs and operations, and ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

The Planning Process

Planning is a continuing process that focuses our resources on areas of HUD's "Major Management Challenges" as defined both by Congress and the President's Management Agenda in the FHA Single Family Mortgage Insurance Programs; the Section 8 Rental Assistance Programs and Fiscal Responsibilities. Planning also includes HUD OIG's oversight initiatives in the administration and management of Troubled Public Housing Authorities and Multifamily projects; administration of State/Local CPD Programs; and the administration of Hurricane Relief funds. Formal updates to the Plan are decided during periodic planning meetings with OIG Offices of Audit and Investigation.

On September 18, 2007 the OIG held a joint planning meeting attended by representatives from the Offices of Audit, Investigation, and Inspections and Evaluations. These attendees were:

AIGI John McCarty
DAIGI Ruth Ritzema
SAC Kenneth R. Taylor, Jr., IED

Deputy Director John Struchen, IED
SFA Mark Klein, Region II
SFA Muhammad Akhtar, Region V
SFA Windell Durant, Gulf Coast Region
SFA Anthony Putzulu, Region IX
SFA Erica Bush, IED
SFA James Ward, IED
Brenda Patterson, Director, TOP
Christine Begola, Asst Director, TOP
Frank Rokosz, Asst Director, TOP

OIG representatives will continue this planning process and update the plan as needed.

The following inspections and evaluations were started in FY 2007 and are continuing:

FHEO Review
Small Cities CDBG Program (Report Issued December 2007)
Multifamily Recertification (Gulf Coast)
Pre-Foreclosure Sales (Report Issued December 2007)
O'Neal Technologies Inc Hotline Complaint (Report Not Issued for Public Review)

Based on the priorities and major management challenges, the following inspections and evaluations are scheduled. The inspections and evaluations, identified on the matrix, are prioritized as follows:

National Review – 1st Quarter

Risk Assessment – Disaster Relief – Duplication of Funding
HUD's Transit Subsidy Program

National Review – 2nd Quarter

Workman's Compensation
Mississippi Gulf Coast Public Housing CDBG Recipients

National Review – 3rd Quarter

Disaster Relief Allocations and Recapturing Funds

National review – 4th Quarter

FHASecure Refinancing Program

Planned Evaluations

Program Areas/ Objectives	Lead	Start Date	Final Report Target Date
Single Family Housing/FHA			
<p><i>FHASecure Refinancing Program</i></p> <p>To determine the effects of this new program on the FHA Insurance fund and the appropriateness of the appraisal on a sample of those homeowners that qualified.</p>	<p>Region V</p> <p>IED 08 006</p>	<p>4th Qtr</p> <p>2008</p>	<p>180 days from initiation.</p>
<p>Appraiser Performance</p> <p>To monitor the performance of appraisers FMV at appraisal vs. FMV at foreclosure</p>	<p>IED National</p> <p>IED 09 001</p>	<p>FY 09</p>	
Community Development and Block Grants (CDBG)			
<p>Disaster Relief Allocations and Recapturing Funds</p> <p>To evaluate pre-2005 disaster allocations and whether funds were ever recaptured.</p>	<p>Region IX</p> <p>IED 08 005</p>	<p>3rd Qtr</p> <p>2008</p>	<p>180 days from initiation.</p>
Public and Indian Housing (PIH)			
<p>Disaster Relief – Duplication of Funding</p> <p>Review of PHAs impacted by Hurricane Katrina which may have applied for disaster relief from CDBG and PIH programs for repairs or rebuilding that may overlap in the scope of work to determine the risk of fraud, waste, and/or abuse.</p>	<p>IED</p> <p>IED 08 001</p>	<p>1st Qtr</p> <p>October 1, 2007</p>	<p>Issued</p> <p>December 2007</p>
Fiscal Responsibilities			
<p>HUD's Transit Subsidy Program</p> <p>To determine whether OIG employees are fully complying with transit subsidy rules.</p>	<p>IED and Regions</p> <p>IED 08 002</p>	<p>1st Qtr</p> <p>December 1, 2007</p>	<p>May 30, 2008</p>
<p>Travel/Purchase Cards</p> <p>To determine whether there are any instances of identity theft with the travel and purchase cards</p>	<p>IED Lead</p> <p>IED 08 006</p>	<p>NLT</p> <p>30-JUN-08</p>	<p>TBD</p>

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Fair housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO)			
FHEO Review HUD's oversight and management of the enforcement process and that the intake and investigation processes are consistently thorough.	IED National IED 07 001	10/10/07	TBD
OTHER			
FECA – Workers Compensation To review compliance with the program and determine whether HUD is effectively managing the Workers Compensation program to prevent fraud, waste and abuse.	Region V IED 08 004	2 Qtr 2008	180 days from initiation.
Hotline Complaints			
O'Neal Technologies Inc. To determine the veracity of allegations that HUD's Office of Single Family Insured Housing required the firm to perform personal and other services outside the scope of its contract.	IED IED 07 009	4 th Qtr 2007	Not Issued for Public Review.
Hurricane Katrina Recovery			
Mississippi Gulf Coast Flood Plain Construction To evaluate site selection for rebuilding destroyed public housing associated flood/hurricane storm surge risks, and related Federal and State funding decisions.	Region IX IED 08 003	2 nd Qtr 2008	180 days from initiation.