

# Office of Inspector General 2012 Work Plan

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#### **OIG Role**

Provide objective and useful analysis to decision-makers:

- Enhance good management
- Increase accountability, responsibility, and transparency in LSC and grant recipient operations.



## **FY 2011 Highlights**

- 67 Recommendations for improvements to LSC Management/Grantees
- 59 Referrals of IPA findings to LSC Management for follow-up
- **\$1,178,836** Questioned costs
- \$2,296,781 Court ordered Investigative Recoveries
- 3 Sentencing actions.



## **Planning Process**

- Mandated work (routine and new initiatives)
- Remain flexible
  - Stakeholder requests (Congressional, Board or Management)
  - > GAO reviews
  - New information (OIG HOTLINE)
- Continuous Risk Assessments (LSC/Grantees operations)
- Government-wide Management Challenges
  - Stewardship, program accountability & effectiveness/compliance/IT and human capital.



#### **2012 Considerations**

#### 2012 Appropriation (Conference Language)

"...encourage the Inspector General ... to ensure that funds are not being used in contravention of the restrictions on engaging in political activities or any of the other restrictions..."

#### FOTF Report Encourages

- ➤ Additional coordination among OIG, Management & Board
- Advisor/Assessor's role in grants' management improvement initiatives
- Expand audit knowledge to Grantees, Management and IPAs.



#### **Executive Functions**

- Submit Semiannual Reports to Congress
- Keep agency head informed
- Consult, by request, on topics of interest to Congress,
   LSC Board or Management
- Conduct strategic & annual work planning
  - 5 year Strategic Plan
- Manage OIG Human Resources
  - > Retain highly qualified staff
  - Ensure meeting professional training requirements.



#### **Audit Functions**

- Direct LSC Audit Program
- Perform audits of LSC/grantee operations
  - > Financial / Compliance/ Performance
    - Grantee internal control audits
    - > TIG grantee audits
    - > LSC IT security review New



- Monitor open recommendations resolution
- Contract/oversee annual LSC financial statements audit
- Conduct and receive peer reviews
  - > Conducting Security and Exchange Commissions Peer Review





# Oversee Annual Grantee Audit Process

OIG issues Audit Guidance & Updates

Perform Quality Control Reviews of each IPA (4 year cycle)

IPAs conduct grantee audits

Refer significant findings to OCE & track correction

OIG reviews all IPA reports (136)



# **Investigation Functions**

- Investigate instances of fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement; report results to appropriate authorities
  - > Receive, process and investigate complaints or information
  - Operate the national reporting HOTLINE
  - Refer evidence of crimes to prosecutors
- Fraud Preventative Measures
  - > Awareness Briefings
  - Vulnerability Assessments
  - > Alerts
- Compliance
  - > Regulatory Vulnerability Assessments
  - > Investigations.



## **Legal Functions**

- OIG General Counsel
- Review and comment on legislation, regulations and policies
- Enforce subpoenas
- Suspend or debar IPAs from auditing LSC grantees as needed
- Review and coordinate FOIA requests for OIG documents.



# Management & Evaluation Functions

- OIG Administration
  - > Planning, budgeting, procurement
  - > Human and office operations
  - ➤ Information systems
    - Audit work paper system



- > Intranet
- Data collection and statistical analysis
- Identify grant-making/grantee best practices and lessons learned.



# **Comments or Questions**