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CIGIE Launches Oversight.gov: IGs Found More Than \$25 Billion in Potential Cost Savings in FY 2017, New Website Shows

Inspector General Reports From Across the Federal Government Now Available on a Single Website

Today, the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) announced the official launch of <u>Oversight.gov</u>. This new website creates a single home for thousands of Inspector General (IG) reports from across the federal government.

IGs serve as watchdogs inside federal government agencies. Each year, IGs identify billions of dollars in potential taxpayer savings, conduct investigations that promote government accountability, and make thousands of recommendations to improve government operations. Visitors to Oversight.gov will see that, for the third consecutive year, the IG community identified over \$20 billion in potential savings of federal tax dollars as part of their comprehensive efforts to eliminate waste in federal programs.



Starting today, Oversight.gov provides a "one stop shop" to follow the ongoing oversight work of all IGs that publicly post reports. It also enables users to access more than 5,800 previously-issued IG reports, a number that will continue to grow as IGs issue new reports. Inspectors General currently post these reports to their individual websites. But with the launch of Oversight.gov, users can now sort, search, and filter the site's database of public reports across agencies to find oversight areas of interest.

The site provides easy on-line access to the IG community's efforts to address the most serious challenges facing the country. For example, the term "cybersecurity" currently appears in 446 reports; "disaster recovery" in 335; "terrorism" in 292; and "whistleblowers" in 781.

In addition, the site features a user-friendly map to find reports based on geographic location and contact information for each IG's whistleblower hotline. As IGs add new reports to their own websites, the new reports and data will be posted simultaneously on Oversight.gov. Users can learn about newly-issued reports across the IG community by following CIGIE's new Twitter account, oversightGov.

"The public should have easy access to information about their government, and Oversight.gov is a big step in this direction," said CIGIE Chair Michael Horowitz, who is also the Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Justice. "This new website makes the work of the IG community more accessible, and it demonstrates the critical role Inspectors General play in combatting waste, fraud, and abuse, and holding government officials accountable for their management of taxpayer money."

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