

OVERSIGHT.GOV: ALL FEDERAL IG REPORTS IN ONE PLACE

Michael E. Horowitz Chair, Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) Inspector General, U.S. Department of Justice September 6, 2018



ABOUT THE FEDERAL IGS

73 Statutory Federal IGs:

- ☐ Prevent and detect waste, fraud, and abuse
- ☐ Promote economy, efficiency, effectiveness
- ☐ IGs each within their agencies, each independent

ABOUT THE INSPECTORS GENERAL

CIGIE (created 2008)

- Address integrity, economy, and effectiveness issues that transcend Federal agencies
- Aid in the establishment of a professional, well-trained, and highly skilled OIG workforce

INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORTS

A problem for IGs and for government: Agencies in Silos

- ☐ 73 separate OIG websites
- No effective, authoritative aggregation of OIG reports and common data

Examples: Sunlight Foundation Recovery.gov

INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORTS

CIGIE'S SOLUTION:



A "one-stop shop" for IG reports, featuring:

Aggregated reports from across government Fully text searchable

Up-to-the-minute data about IG results Full transparency about data definitions and methodologies

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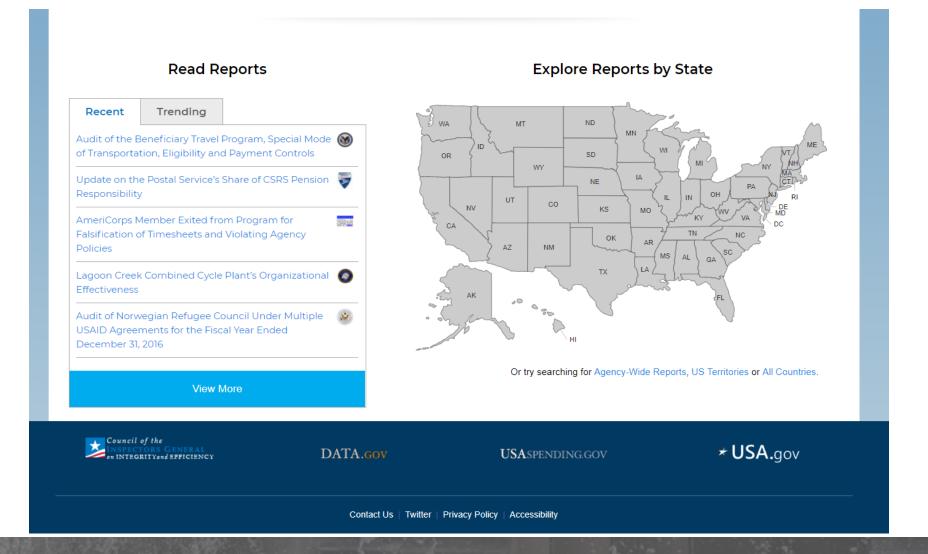




REPORT GOVERNMENT FRAUD, WASTE & ABUSE



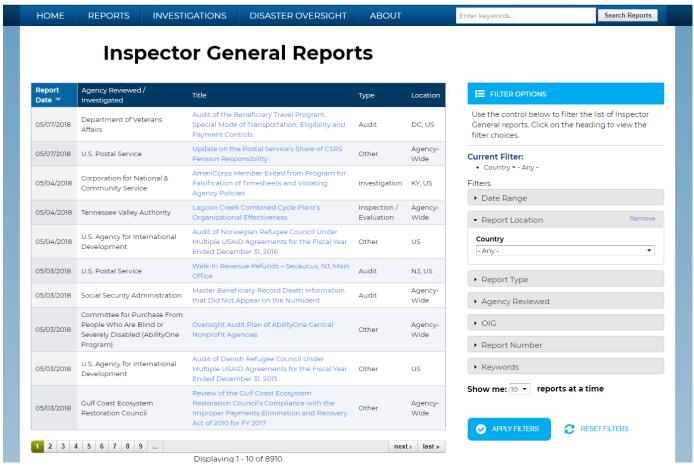
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BUILDING THE SITE



- "If you build it, they will come."
- ☐ To minimize obstacles to participation:
 - IGs control the content
 - Leverage (only) common data
 - Make it easy for IGs

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BUILDING THE SITE



- Solicit feedback:
 - Stakeholder engagement throughout
 - Public beta test
 - Continue to solicit feedback and ideas

SUCCESSES SO FAR



Launched October 1, 2017

All 70 OIGs that issue public reports participate: 9600 reports and counting

- ⇒ FY 18: 1500 reports, \$25Bn+ potential savings, 5900+ recommendations
- \Rightarrow 30,000+ hits per month and growing

SUCCESSES SO FAR



- ⇒ 3 new OIGs participating since launch (DIA, NRO, NSA)
- Connecting OIGs during work planning
- Positive feedback from Congress, media, and civil society

POSITIVE FEEDBACK



Senator Lankford Applauds Launch of Oversight.gov

WASHINGTON, DC - Senator James Lankford (R-OK) today applauded the launch of Oversight.gov, by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), to provide a single online tool for the thousands of reports and recommendations made by Inspectors General across government.

"This website is an important step forward to ensure transparency and accountability in our government," said Lankford, "I applaud the Council for their commitment to developing this website that will make it easier for the American people to monitor whether federal agencies are operating in

- Senator James Lankford (R-OK), October 3, 3017, Washington, DC

POSITIVE FEEDBACK



GOWDY AND CUMMINGS APPLAUD NEW WEBSITE TO **IMPROVE PUBLIC'S ACCESS TO** INFO ABOUT FEDERAL **GOVERNMENT**

Full House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform FULL HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT **REFORM**

PUBLISHED: OCT 3, 2017

Washington, D.C. (Oct. 3, 2017) - House Oversight and Government Reform Committee

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Heitkamp: Launch of Oversight.gov is a **Positive Step Toward the Transparency** Americans Deserve from Federal Government

Oversight.gov Heeds the Call of Senator's Bipartisan Bill to Require Inspectors

General to Post Recommendations Online - New Site Will Host Thousands of

Inspectors General Reports across Federal Government

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp today announced the formal launch of Oversight.gov - a website that will host thousands of Inspectors General (IG) reports from across the federal government. The more to Heitle 's colling or hisactican the world

POSITIVE FEEDBACK



Thanks to @JusticeOIG's IG Horowitz & CIGIE team for launching oversight.gov, a great tool for fighting waste, fraud, and abuse.

10:07 AM - 2 Oct 2017



.@OversightGov new website puts all federal watchdog reports in one place, leading to more effective govt. oversight.gov

7:19 AM - 4 Oct 2017





PLANNED ENHANCEMENTS

- Open recommendations database
- Cross-agency whistleblower hotline form
- Disaster Recovery page
- IG Vacancies dashboard

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PLANNED ENHANCEMENTS

- OIG collaboration site
- Hosted OIG websites
- Open data
- GAO integration

LIMITATIONS ON DEVELOPMENT

- Unpredictable funding for CIGIE
- Varying data definitions and business practices across OIGs

THE BIGGER PICTURE, PART 1

IGs working together

- Computer Matching Act exemption, data analytics
- Cross-cutting OIG audits and reviews
- Oversight.gov
- Disaster Assistance Working Group
- ☐ CIGIE Top Challenges Report...



Top Management and **Performance Challenges Facing Multiple Federal Agencies**



7 most frequently reported challenges among 61 IGs

- Information Technology Security and Management
- Performance Management and Accountability
- **Human Capital Management**
- Financial Management
- Procurement Management
- **Facilities Maintenance**
- Grant Management





HEARING

TOP MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE CHALLENGES **IDENTIFIED GOVERNMENT-**WIDE BY THE INSPECTOR **GENERAL COMMUNITY**

Full House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform FULL HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT **REFORM**

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The Washington Post

Democracy Dies in Darkness

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New inspector general report points to recurring government problems

By Joe Davidson April 18 Mail the author

In an operation as large as Uncle Sam's, it is inevitable that mistakes will be made, inefficiencies will happen and problems will develop.

But why do the same issues come up over and over and over?

A <u>new report</u> by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) doesn't answer that question, but for the first time it does provide a guide to the most common concerns that cut across



Gov't-Wide Report Finds Funding, **Ethical Issues And** More

By Michael Macagnone

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Law360, Washington (April 19, 2018, 8:00 PM EDT) -- On top of worker and funding issues that have stretched government agencies thin, a government-wide inspector general report

FEDERALTIMES

Report: IT is the No. 1 agency management challenge

By: Jessie Bur April 18



Information technology security and management topped the list of problems reported in 2017 according to the first-ever comprehensive list of management and performance challenges face by agencies across the intire government

GOVERNMENT **MATTERS**





Michael Horowitz: Cound identifies the ties that bind inspectors general

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Inspectors general often labor in the isolation of their own departments or agencies. But now they have banded together, taking a look at the government as a whole. The Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency found seven big challenges that agencies seem to have in common.

Council Chairman and Justice Department Inspector General Michael Horowitz joined Federal Drive with Tom Temin for more.

THE BIGGER PICTURE, PART 2

The role of transparency

- ☐ Sunlight = taxpayer savings
- ☐ IGs learning from each other

THE BIGGER PICTURE

Importance of oversight community speaking with a united public voice and advocating for stronger oversight, independence, transparency, and greater accountability.

QUESTIONS?





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