



**Fiscal Year 2015**

**Agency Financial Report**



## Chairperson's Message

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The Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE or Council) was established by the Inspector General Reform Act of 2008. Currently composed of 72 Federal Inspectors General (IGs) and 6 integrity-related senior officials, the Council and its member organizations, function as a robust oversight group engaged in issues of nationwide significance. CIGIE's mandated mission is to address integrity, economy, and effectiveness issues that transcend individual Government agencies, and to increase the professionalism and effectiveness of the inspector general community.

In this Agency Financial Report (AFR), we discuss CIGIE's fiscal year (FY) 2015 accomplishments in carrying out its mission and performance plan goals; provide the independent auditor's report regarding CIGIE's financial statements as of September 30, 2015; and highlight the work of CIGIE's Executive Council, eight standing committees, and individual members on cross-cutting issues affecting Federal departments, agencies, and Offices of Inspector General.

The financial audit was performed by Chortek LLP. CIGIE is pleased to report that Chortek found that CIGIE's financial statements present fairly the financial position of CIGIE, that there were no internal control deficiencies over financial reporting considered to be material, and that there were no reportable instances of noncompliance with laws or regulations governing CIGIE's financial management systems.

Chortek's opinion letters and audited CIGIE financial statements and notes to the financial statements are included in this AFR. Further information related to the Council's assurance as to the accuracy and reliability of the financial and performance data presented in this report may be found under the Management Statement of Assurance.

In FY 2015, our work has been strengthened by the efforts of leaders in the IG community; the Office of Management and Budget; Congress; the Government Accountability Office; other Federal agencies, and law enforcement and professional organizations; and private-sector supporters who share a dedication to helping improve Government programs by ensuring accountability, efficiency, and oversight.

In particular, we sincerely thank the nearly 14,000 members of the inspector general community for the work they do every day to ensure the effectiveness and integrity of Federal programs that affect the lives of all Americans.



Michael E. Horowitz  
Chairperson, CIGIE

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## Management's Discussion and Analysis

The Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE or the Council) has chosen to produce an Agency Financial Report (AFR), which is posted on CIGIE's website at [www.ignet.gov](http://www.ignet.gov).

### *The Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency's Mission and Organization*

**Mission:** The mission of the Council is to address integrity, economy, and effectiveness issues that transcend individual Government agencies; and increase the professionalism and effectiveness of personnel by developing policies, standards, and approaches to aid in the establishment of a well-trained and highly skilled workforce in the Offices of Inspectors General.

**Organization:** The Council is made up of 72 individual Inspectors General (IGs) from both the Executive and Legislative branches and 6 integrity-related senior officials: the Deputy Director for Management (DDM), Office of Management and Budget (OMB); the Deputy Director, Office of Personnel Management; the Special Counsel, Office of the Special Counsel; the Assistant Director of the Criminal Investigative Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); the Director, Office of Government Ethics; and the Controller of the Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB. The Honorable David Mader, Acting DDM, OMB, is the Executive Chairperson of the Council. The Council is led by the elected Chairperson, Michael E. Horowitz, IG, U.S. Department of Justice; the Vice Chairperson, Allison C. Lerner, IG, National Science Foundation; and the other members of the Executive Council (see the below table).

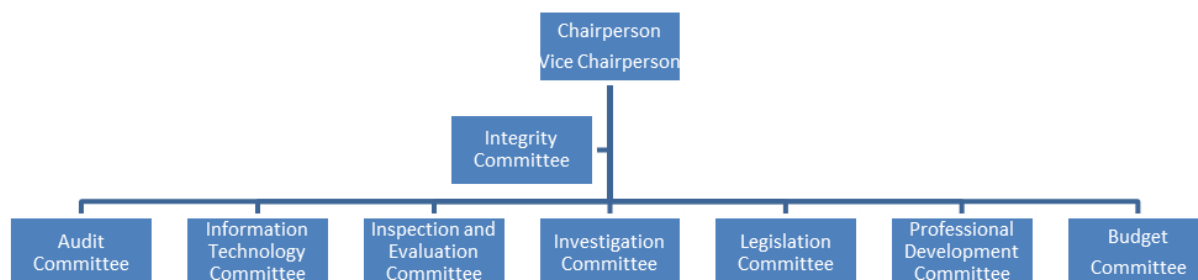
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### *CIGIE Committees*

CIGIE consists of eight (8) standing committees, seven (7) of which represent functional responsibilities of the IG community. The eighth, the Integrity Committee, is a statutory committee established by the IG Reform Act of 2008 that serves as an independent and objective investigative mechanism for addressing allegations of misconduct against IGs and their senior staff members. The following organizational chart represents the Council's organizational structure.



### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee provides leadership to and serves as a resource for the Federal IG audit community. Sponsors and coordinates audits that address multi-agency or Government-wide issues, maintains professional standards for OIG audit activities, and administers the audit peer review program. Provides input to the CIGIE Professional Development Committee and the Training Institute on the training and development needs of the CIGIE audit community, and advice to the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Executive Director regarding CIGIE's contracts for audit services.

### **Information Technology Committee**

The Information Technology Committee facilitates effective OIG information technology (IT) audits, evaluations, reviews, and investigations, and provides a vehicle for expressing the IG community's perspective on Government-wide IT operations.

### **Inspection and Evaluation Committee**

The Inspection and Evaluation Committee provides leadership for the CIGIE inspection and evaluation community's efforts to improve agency program effectiveness by maintaining professional standards; leading the development of protocols for reviewing management issues that cut across departments and agencies; promoting the use of advanced program evaluation techniques; and fostering awareness of evaluation and inspection practice in OIGs. Provides input to the CIGIE Professional Development Committee and the Training Institute on the training and development needs of the CIGIE inspection and evaluation community.

### **Investigations Committee**

The Investigations Committee contributes to improvements in program integrity, efficiency, and cost effectiveness government-wide by providing analysis of investigative issues common to federal agencies. Provides the CIGIE community with guidance, support, and assistance in conducting high quality investigations. Provides input to the CIGIE Professional Development

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Committee and the Training Institute on the training and development needs of the CIGIE investigations community.

### **Legislation Committee**

The Legislation Committee ensures that CIGIE is kept abreast of matters in the Congressional arena that are of interest to the IG community. Develops, coordinates, and represents the official IG community positions on legislative issues.

### **Professional Development Committee**

The Professional Development Committee provides educational opportunities, through the Training Institute, for members of the IG community to ensure the development of competent personnel. Receives input from the Audit, Investigations, and Inspection and Evaluation Committees on the training and development needs of the CIGIE community. Seeks opportunities to improve training methods, enhance the development of OIG staff, and establish training to meet continuing professional educational requirements.

### **Budget Committee**

Provides leadership in the development of the Council's annual Congressional appropriation request by coordinating a transparent process to assess current CIGIE activities and, in consultation with the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Executive Council, presenting a proposed budget to the membership for discussion and adoption. In addition, the Committee serves as the IG Community's lead in coordinating with the OMB and relevant Congressional committees to establish and maintain a direct annual appropriation to fund Council activities.

### **Integrity Committee**

The Integrity Committee is required by the IG Act and is chaired by the FBI official who is a member of CIGIE. The committee consists of four CIGIE member IGs appointed by the Council Chairperson for four-year terms. In addition, the Special Counsel of the Office of Special Counsel and the Director of the Office of Government Ethics are members. The Chief of the Public Integrity Section of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, or designee, serves as legal adviser. In conjunction with the Council Chairperson, the Integrity Committee develops its own policies and procedures, which are submitted to the congressional committees of jurisdiction.

In addition to these eight standing committees, there are several councils, panels, roundtables, and work groups that are discipline-specific within the IG community or function under the auspices of CIGIE or the standing committees. A few examples of these and their purposes are:

- Federal Audit Executive Council (FAEC) – A council under CIGIE established to discuss and coordinate issues affecting the Federal audit community with special emphasis on audit policy and operations of common interest to CIGIE members.
- Assistant Inspectors General for Investigations (AIGI) Committee – A council under CIGIE established to serve as a forum for internal discussion and a conduit for suggestions, issues and concerns that affect the OIG investigations community to the CIGIE Investigations Committee for appropriate action.

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- IG Candidate Recommendations Panel – A panel under CIGIE which, as required by the IG Act, maintains and submits to appointing officials recommendations of individuals for vacant IG positions.
- Inspections and Evaluations Roundtable – A roundtable that provides support to the Inspection and Evaluation Committee on a myriad of issues pertinent to the inspection and evaluation function with the IG community.
- Suspension and Debarment Working Group – This working group under the Investigations Committee is focused on finding ways to protect taxpayer dollars through expanded and more effective use of suspension and debarment remedies.
- Ombuds Working Group – This working group under the Investigations Committee is focused on myriad of matters associated with the responsibilities of OIG ombudsman.
- Human Resources Roundtable – This roundtable under the Professional Development Committee is focused on myriad of issues pertinent to the OIG’s human resources community.
- Council of Counsels to the Inspectors General (CCIG) – Comprised of counsels to IGs, this council discusses issues of common interest generally of a legal nature within the IG community.

### Staff

The Council is an independent federal entity and maintains its own permanent staff for which the Chairperson provides oversight. Council staff is responsible for supporting the activities of the Council, including, but not limited to, preparing minutes of all Council meetings, drafting Council reports such as the annual report, maintaining the Council’s website and archives, maintaining a Training Institute for the professional training of OIG personnel, and additional functions. Below represents the Council’s staff organizational structure.





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### *Performance Goals, Objectives and Results*

During the fiscal year, the Council approved its annual performance plan to guide its activities for the year. The performance plan is associated with CIGIE's five-year Strategic Plan and aligns with the goals, objectives, and performance measures associated with the Strategic Plan. CIGIE's performance plan sets out three major business goals and supporting objectives. These goals are: 1) deliver timely, relevant products that identify and address cross-government vulnerabilities, opportunities for improvements, and best practices; 2) promote and improve professional development for the IG community; and 3) improve CIGIE capacity to carry out its mission and vision. The following information reflects CIGIE's accomplishments during fiscal year (FY) 2015 under each of these goals.

#### **Goal 1: Deliver timely, relevant products that identify and address cross-government vulnerabilities, opportunities for improvements, and best practices.**

During FY 2015, the Council approved its annual performance plan associated with its 5-year Strategic Plan to track goals, objectives, and performance measures. In addition, during the year CIGIE commissioned or continued the following seven cross-cutting studies and projects:

- Federal Grants Reporting Systems – The CIGIE Grant Reform Working Group established a project to undertake OIG community testing on the controls and processes of the new labor effort reporting systems for Federal grant recipients piloted by four institutions. Thirteen OIGs have oversight responsibilities for the four institutions in the pilot including the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and the Departments of Energy, Agriculture, and Defense. The labor effort reporting system reviews are being conducted by cross-teaming from the NSF and HHS OIGs. To date, two of the four reviews have been completed.
- Maturity Model for Continuous Monitoring under the Federal Information Security and Management Act (FISMA) – The CIGIE IT Committee established a working group to develop a maturity model for continuous monitoring under FISMA to 1) summarize the status of agencies' information security programs and their maturity on a 5-level scale; 2) provide transparency to agency Chief Information Officers and top management officials about what has been accomplished and what still needs to be implemented to move the information security program to the next maturity level, and (3) help ensure consistency across the OIGs in their annual FISMA reviews. The maturity model was completed and issued on May 27, 2015.
- Assessment Framework for the Protection of Critical Research, Development, and Acquisition (RDA) Information and Programs – A CIGIE working group was established to evaluate how OIGs assess the protection of RDA in selected agencies given the Federal government's \$8.3 billion investment in RDA initiatives. The assessment tool will be designed to provide a government-wide framework to review policies and practices associated with protecting critical RDA information and programs, and to assess whether existing procedures ensure protection of critical RDA information and programs. The assessment framework is expected to be issued by September 30, 2015.

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- Assessment of the 2013 Disaster Relief Appropriation Act – A CIGIE working group was established in August 2015 to compile Federal participant entities' 2013 Disaster Relief Appropriation Act funding and expenditures and evaluate OIG oversight of the funds to identify common concerns and develop recommendations to improve oversight and enhance collaboration.
- Security of Publicly Accessible Government Web Applications – The CIGIE IT Committee established a working group in June 2015 to examine the controls in place to manage and secure the Federal Government's publicly accessible web applications. Specifically, the working group will assess the effectiveness of efforts across the Federal Government to secure publicly accessible web applications to (1) determine the extent and efficacy of agencies' efforts to identify and assess vulnerabilities on publicly accessible web applications and mitigate the most severe vulnerabilities; and (2) where appropriate, assess efforts to control or reduce the number of publicly accessible web applications. The goal of this effort is to improve the security and management of the Federal Government's publicly accessible web applications and identify opportunities to reduce vulnerability to breaches that could result in loss of sensitive data or seriously impair agency operations.
- Target Share Feasibility Study – The CIGIE Investigations Committee formed a working group in early 2015 to study the feasibility of OIGs sharing limited information on subjects under investigation. Target Share's goal is to create efficiencies by sharing information and reducing redundancy in OIG investigative efforts. The working group is exploring technical issues and, legal and legislative barriers to determine the feasibility of developing a pilot program.

### **Goal 2: Promote and improve professional development for the IG community.**

In FY 2015, CIGIE continued to provide quality training to the IG community and finalized its annual training plans for FY 2016. In order to ensure its training programs continue to be of the highest quality and relevance, CIGIE maintains a robust training evaluation process. Evaluations received during the year indicate a 98 percent positive score from participants. Additionally, in an effort to build upon its successes in this area, CIGIE continued implementation of its Training Institute strategic framework, which is a roadmap for providing quality instruction and achieving accreditation for CIGIE training programs, and developing curricula that are aligned with OIGs' missions and that support emerging OIG community needs and Training Institute-wide instructional processes.

CIGIE continued to focus much of its training efforts on developing and providing leadership and management training programs, which were subsequently well received by the OIG community, whereas 236 participants were trained. These programs were designed both to sharpen experienced managers' skills and to equip new and future leaders with the vital tools they need to become effective public administrators. Drawing from historical lessons learned as well as current challenges facing today's leaders, 85 training programs were attended by 2,121 OIG professionals by the end of FY 2015.

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In FY 2015, CIGIE delivered five 7-day introductory audit training programs to 150 new auditors from OIGs throughout the government. This program covered topics ranging from government auditing standards to writing skills. Additionally, CIGIE developed and piloted a 4 ½ day I&E inspection and evaluation (I&E) Fundamentals training program designed to teach the fundamentals of I&E work in the federal Inspector General community. CIGIE provided several other training programs to IG members' audit and inspection and evaluation personnel, including 5 critical thinking skills classes, 17 writing classes, and several other training programs. In total, these programs trained nearly 1,200 OIG personnel and prepared new staff for their professional responsibilities.

CIGIE also provides training to OIG investigators. In FY 2015, CIGIE delivered basic, refresher, and advanced investigator training programs along with more specialized instruction, such as the Public Corruption Investigations Training Program. In total, these training programs taught 689 students representing nearly every Federal OIG, in addition to agents from State and local entities.

CIGIE continually focuses efforts on the quality, effectiveness, and integrity of its training courses and programs. In early October 2015, the Training Institute received the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy's (NASBA) certification for its auditor and I&E training programs. The Training Institute will continue to seek accreditation and certification for other courses and training programs.

In the future, CIGIE plans to make training more widely available and synchronized with the professional needs of its member organizations by creating a variety of programs, including web-based training. CIGIE's goal is to create responsive, high-quality, cost-effective, state-of-the-art, specialized training that can satisfy the IG community's needs today and in the future.

### **Goal 3: Improve CIGIE capacity to carry out its mission and vision.**

In FY 2015, CIGIE continued its work towards reviewing and ensuring its quality standards and quality assessment peer review guides were updated for the IG community. CIGIE's Audit, Inspection and Evaluation, and Investigations committees continued to ensure that the quality standards for those professions were current and that changes are made when necessary during the year. CIGIE also continued its efforts towards reviewing and updating, when necessary, its quality assessment peer review guides.

CIGIE established various working groups of specialists and practitioners within the OIG community to exchange information on effective practices in the areas of their specialty. Examples of these working groups include a suspension and debarment working group, data analytics working group, inspections and evaluations roundtable, and a disaster assistance working group. These working groups shared information across the OIG community that contributed to advancing effective operations.

CIGIE implemented additional information security policies and procedures in preparation for review of its systems that will be scheduled to be conducted in FY 2016. Upon the employment, through reimbursable detail, of an Information Technology (IT) specialist, CIGIE will work to schedule its first information security management review. Additionally, CIGIE began

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discussions with member IG offices to work towards taking on a collaborative website and incorporate into the CIGIE web presences, to subsequently develop a wider scope collaborative website.

CIGIE began to initiate planning for its next 5-year Strategic Plan. Throughout the year, CIGIE evaluated its current program and responsibilities to assist in formulating its plan forward. With this information, CIGIE will continue its planning and subsequently develop a 5-year strategic plan that will succeed its first 5-year strategic plan that carries CIGIE through fiscal year 2017.

CIGIE began to further leverage technology in its Training Institute program area through the planning for and obtaining of a student information management system that will provide automated registration and automated evaluation system. This system will assist in streamlining these processes for CIGIE and provide for better tracking of the Institute's programs, and lay a foundational platform for future growth into on-line learning. Additionally, CIGIE continues to efficiently administer its financial resources as reflected through its FY 2015 Financial Statement audit, in which an unmodified opinion was received.

In addition to these accomplishments, CIGIE met all of its statutory responsibilities, including:

- Coordinating OIG activities government-wide, including producing cross-cutting studies that mitigate common vulnerabilities and increase economy, efficiency, and effectiveness;
- Increasing the professionalism and effectiveness of OIG personnel by developing policies, standards, and approaches to aid in establishing a well-trained and highly-skilled OIG workforce;
- Maintaining public and business websites for the benefit of the public, stakeholders, and the OIG community;
- Preparing and transmitting the *Annual Progress Report to the President*;
- Responding to inquiries from the public and stakeholders about CIGIE and OIG activities, including complaints and allegations against IGs;
- Administering peer review programs that assess OIG compliance with professional standards; and
- Recommending individuals to the appointing authority when IG vacancies occur.

### *Analysis of CIGIE's Financial Statements and Stewardship Information*

CIGIE prepares annual financial statements in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for Federal government entities and subjects the statements to an independent audit to ensure their integrity and reliability in assessing performance. The financial statements and notes are presented on a comparative basis in the required format in accordance with OMB Circular No. A-136, revised, *Financial Reporting Requirements*.

CIGIE obtained its funding in FY 2015 from contributions of each of the IG members and a carryover of non-expended/non-obligated funds from FY 2014. In FY 2015, CIGIE operated under its established internal control and financial management systems to ensure accountability of these funds while continuing to build operations to support CIGIE and its mission. These

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funds are being used to continue: 1) creating the infrastructure necessary to fully support the activities of CIGIE; 2) providing educational and professional development programs to increase the professionalism and effectiveness of the IG community workforce; and 3) operating and managing CIGIE's website.

The following table summarizes the significant changes in CIGIE's financial position during FY 2015:

<b>Financial Condition</b>	<b>FY 2015 Balance</b>	<b>FY 2014 Balance</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Percentage Difference</b>
Total Assets	\$13,509,781	\$12,522,449	\$987,332	7.9%
Total Liabilities	\$1,714,931	\$886,279	\$828,652	93.5%
Net Position	\$11,794,850	\$11,636,170	\$158,680	1.4%
Net Cost of Operations	\$451,246	\$96,435	\$354,811	367.9%
Budgetary Resources	\$17,735,096	\$17,040,818	\$694,278	4.1%

As of the close of FY 2015, CIGIE had obligated \$1,587,709 to continue building the necessary infrastructure to fully support these activities. Additionally, CIGIE had obligated \$4,976,654 to assist in providing the IG community with training in the areas of leadership, audit, inspections and evaluations, and investigations.

At the end of FY 2015, the gross obligations for CIGIE were \$6,564,363. Additionally, \$985,045 in unpaid obligations from FY 2014 were brought forward to FY 2015, of which \$204,483 were recovered. With these total obligations, CIGIE's gross outlays for FY 2015 amounted to \$5,546,124. The table below summarizes CIGIE's budgetary resource outlays and obligations and identifies our initial projections for FY 2015.

### Summary of Budgetary Resources For the Year Ending September 30, 2015

Funding:	
FY 2014 Carry Over Balance	\$ 11,176,601
Recoveries of Prior Year Obligations	204,483
Contributions Received	<u>6,354,012</u>
Total Budgetary Resources	<u>\$ 17,735,096</u>
Status of Budgetary Resources:	
Obligations Incurred	
Reimbursable	\$ 6,564,363
Unobligated Balances	
Apportioned	10,955,426
Unobligated Balances – not available	<u>215,307</u>
Total Status of Budgetary Resources	<u>\$ 17,735,096</u>

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Each year, CIGIE prepares a projected budget for funding needed to meet its planned activities. Based on the projected budget member offices are requested to contribute a pro rata rate of their annual funding level towards CIGIE operations that results in the funding necessary to meet CIGIE's projected budget.

CIGIE began its first year of operations in FY 2009. The services and functions of the Council, during FY 2009, were provided by individual OIGs' volunteers while funding mechanisms were developed and subsequently implemented for CIGIE. As CIGIE began its financial activities in FY 2010, it also started working towards building operations set out to meet the CIGIE mission and membership's expectations. Since its inception, CIGIE has placed much thought and deliberation into determining what CIGIE operations are necessary to reach both its mission and membership expectations.

CIGIE has taken, and continues to take, a prudent approach towards its continued operations. This is reflected in both the growth of its activities over the past few years and the expenses associated with that growth. Below reflects CIGIE's growth via gross costs:

- From FY 2010 to FY 2011 – 252.8%
- From FY 2011 to FY 2012 – 61.6%
- From FY 2012 to FY 2013 – 9.3%
- From FY 2013 to FY 2014 – 0.5%
- From FY 2014 to FY 2015 – 8.2%

### *Analysis of CIGIE's Systems, Controls, and Legal Compliance*

This AFR provides timely information for CIGIE's stakeholders and the public to better understand CIGIE's program and operations. As always, CIGIE is committed to continuing its efforts in bettering its internal controls and maintaining an unqualified audit opinion in future years.

CIGIE management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control and financial management systems that meet the objectives of the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA). FMFIA is implemented by OMB Circular A-123, revised, *Management's Responsibility for Internal Control*. The objectives of FMFIA are to ensure that CIGIE's controls and systems provide reasonable assurance that:

- obligations and costs are in compliance with applicable laws;
- funds, property, and other assets are safeguarded against waste, loss, unauthorized use, or misappropriation;
- revenues and expenditures are properly recorded and accounted for to permit the preparation of accounts and reliable financial reports and to maintain accountability over assets; and
- programs are efficiently and effectively carried out in accordance with applicable laws and management policy.

Section 2 of the FMFIA requires federal agencies to report, on the basis of annual assessments, any material weaknesses that have been identified in connection with their internal and

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administrative controls. Section 4 of the FMFIA requires that agencies annually provide assurance on programmatic internal controls and financial management systems, and effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting.

CIGIE operated during Fiscal Year 2015 with 21 employees, inclusive of permanent and detailed employees. CIGIE performs internal control reviews on financial, management, and information systems, and conducts fact finding activities to support decisions impacting revisions to the Council's accounting and financial reporting systems. For example, CIGIE initially developed its financial policies and procedures in FY 2010 to ensure internal controls were established to meet the objectives of OMB Circular A-123. Subsequently, CIGIE has updated its policies and procedures on a few occasions, the latest update was September 2013, to address matters identified through prior financial statement audits. Annually, we review our internal controls to see if there is any need for improvement. Additionally, we seek feedback from those intimately involved in the day-to-day financial operations of CIGIE to determine if any matters have arisen that reflect a potential weakness in these controls, and during FY 2015, no such matters were identified.

Further, CIGIE relies upon its Federal shared financial service provider as an additional control that lessens the risk of weaknesses in CIGIE's controls. CIGIE uses the financial services of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Chief Financial Officer. The operating effectiveness of the NFC's financials, general information technology, accounting operations and payroll controls was examined under Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements No. 16 (SSAE 16), Reporting on Controls at a Service Organization, issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). An unqualified opinion was issued by USDA's independent public accounting firm for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, and in which no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies were noted. Accordingly, USDA was able to provide CIGIE with assurance that the description of controls in the FY 2015 report presents fairly the operating effectiveness of USDA's controls that were in place as of September 30, 2015 as they relate to key controls relied upon by CIGIE. Based on the results of the evaluation of USDA's financial systems and controls documented in its SSAE 16 report, CIGIE can provide reasonable assurance that the internal controls over USDA's financial reporting were operating effectively and CIGIE's financial management systems complied substantially with Federal financial management system requirements, applicable Federal accounting standards, and the U.S. Government Standard General Ledger at the transaction level.

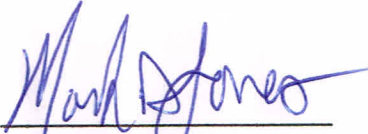
Finally, the Accountability of Tax Dollars Act (ATDA) of 2002 requires the preparation of financial statements by the federal agencies that were exempted by the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990. OMB Circular No. A-136, *Financial Reporting Requirements*, enables agencies to consolidate their audited financial statements and other financial and performance reports into one report, the AFR. This report meets the requirements of the Act. In accordance with the ATDA, CIGIE's financial information is audited annually by the Certified Public Accounting firm of Chortek LLP, which reviewed the FY 2015 financial records and internal controls of the Council and submitted an unmodified audit opinion. This audit found no material weaknesses surrounding the Council's internal controls related to financial reporting. The results of the audit are considered by the Council in its assessment of whether or not the objectives of FMFIA are being met.



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### Statement of Assurance

CIGIE's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control and financial management systems that meet the objectives of the FMFIA. CIGIE conducted an assessment of the effectiveness and efficiency of operations and compliance with applicable laws and regulations in accordance with OMB Circular A-123, *Management's Responsibility for Internal Control*. Based on the results of this evaluation, CIGIE can provide reasonable assurance that its internal control over the effectiveness and efficiency of operations and compliance with applicable laws and regulations as of September 30, 2015 was operating effectively and no material weaknesses were found in the design or operation of the internal controls.

  
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Executive Director

November 6, 2015

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### **Federal Information Security Management Act**

The Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA) requires each federal agency to establish and maintain an information security program for all non-national security information and information systems. The Council's information security program includes a process for planning, implementing, evaluating, and documenting remedial action to address any deficiencies in its information security policies, procedures, and practices.

### **Limitations of the Financial Statements**

The principal financial statements have been prepared to report the financial position and results of operations of CIGIE, pursuant to the requirements of 31 U.S.C. 3515 (b). While the statements have been prepared from the books and records of CIGIE in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for Federal entities and the formats prescribed by OMB, the statements are in addition to the financial reports used to monitor and control budgetary resources, which are prepared from the same books and records.

The statements should be read with the realization that they are for a component of the U.S. Government, a sovereign entity.



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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 and 2014**

**The Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency**  
**BALANCE SHEETS**  
**As of September 30, 2015 and 2014**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Assets:</b>		
Intragovernmental:		
Fund Balance with Treasury (Note 2)	\$ 12,766,626	\$ 11,971,811
Accounts Receivable (Note 3)	202,908	189,835
Advances and Prepayments (Note 4)	465,198	254,455
Total Intragovernmental	13,434,732	12,416,101
Assets with The Public:		
Accounts Receivable, net (Note 3)	11,238	11,621
General Property, Plant and Equipment, Net (Note 5)	63,811	94,727
Total Assets	\$ 13,509,781	\$ 12,522,449
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Intragovernmental:		
Accounts Payable (Note 6)	\$ 1,203,569	\$ 571,042
Employer Contributions and Payroll Taxes Payable	9,570	6,658
Liability for Advances and Prepayments	5,400	7,650
Total Intragovernmental	1,218,539	585,350
Liabilities with the Public:		
Accounts Payable (Note 6)	256,863	126,462
Accrued Funded Payroll and Leave (Note 7)	32,665	23,541
Employer Contributions and Payroll Taxes Payable	1,499	1,075
Unfunded Leave	205,365	149,851
Total Liabilities	1,714,931	886,279
<b>Net Position:</b>		
Cumulative Results of Operations	11,794,850	11,636,170
Total Net Position	\$ 11,794,850	\$ 11,636,170
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 13,509,781	\$ 12,522,449

**The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements**

**The Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency**  
**STATEMENTS OF NET COST**  
**For the Years Ended September 30, 2015 and 2014**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>Program Costs:</b> (Note 8)		
Gross Costs	\$ 6,250,751	\$ 5,741,132
Less: Earned Revenue	<u>5,799,505</u>	<u>5,644,697</u>
Net Cost of Operations	<u>\$ 451,246</u>	<u>\$ 96,435</u>

**The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements**

**The Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency**  
**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION**  
**For the Years Ended September 30, 2015 and 2014**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Cumulative Results of Operations:</b>		
Beginning Balance	\$ 11,636,170	\$ 11,359,382
<b>Budgetary Financing Sources:</b>		
Transfers-in/out without reimbursement	556,374	317,793
<b>Other Financing Sources (Non-Exchange):</b>		
Imputed financing	53,552	55,430
Total Financing Sources	609,926	373,223
Less: Net Cost of Operations	451,246	96,435
Net Change	158,680	276,788
<b>Cumulative Results of Operations</b>	11,794,850	11,636,170
<b>Budgetary Financing Sources:</b>		
Net Position	\$ 11,794,850	\$ 11,636,170

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**The Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency**  
**STATEMENTS OF BUDGETARY RESOURCES**  
**For the Years Ended September 30, 2015 and 2014**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>BUDGETARY RESOURCES</b>		
Unobligated balance brought forward, October 1	\$ 11,176,601	\$ 10,922,235
Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations (unobligated balances)	204,483	154,622
Unobligated balance from prior year budget authority, net	11,381,084	11,076,857
Spending authority from offsetting collections	6,354,012	5,963,961
Total budgetary resources	\$ 17,735,096	\$ 17,040,818
<b>STATUS OF BUDGETARY RESOURCES</b>		
Obligations incurred (Note 9)	\$ 6,564,363	\$ 5,864,217
Apportioned	10,955,426	6,272,707
Unapportioned	215,307	4,903,894
Unobligated balance brought forward, end of year	11,170,733	11,176,601
Total budgetary resources	\$ 17,735,096	\$ 17,040,818
<b>CHANGE IN OBLIGATED BALANCE</b>		
Unpaid obligations, brought forward, October 1 (gross)	\$ 985,045	\$ 885,414
Obligations incurred	6,564,363	5,864,217
Outlays (gross)	(5,546,124)	(5,609,964)
Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations	(204,483)	(154,622)
Unpaid obligations, end of year (Note 10)	1,798,801	985,045
Uncollected payments, Fed sources, brought forward, Oct 1	(189,835)	(306,801)
Change in uncollected payments, Fed sources	(13,073)	116,966
Uncollected payments, Fed sources, end of year	(202,908)	(189,835)
Obligated balance, start of year (net)	795,210	578,613
Obligated balance, end of year (net)	\$ 1,595,893	\$ 795,210
<b>BUDGET AUTHORITY AND OUTLAYS, NET</b>		
Budget authority, gross (discretionary and mandatory)	\$ 6,354,012	\$ 5,963,961
Actual offsetting collections (discretionary and mandatory)	(6,340,939)	(6,080,927)
Change in uncollected payments from Federal Sources (discretionary and mandatory)	(13,073)	116,966
Outlays, gross (discretionary and mandatory)	5,546,124	5,609,964
Actual offsetting collections (discretionary and mandatory)	(6,340,939)	(6,080,927)
Outlays, net (discretionary and mandatory)	(794,815)	(470,963)
Agency outlays, net (discretionary and mandatory)	\$ (794,815)	\$ (470,963)

**The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements**

**COUNCIL OF THE INSPECTORS GENERAL ON INTEGRITY AND EFFICIENCY**  
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**NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Reporting Entity**

The Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) was statutorily established as an independent entity within the executive branch by the "The Inspector General Reform Act of 2008," P.L. 110-409 to 1) address integrity, economy, and effectiveness issues that transcend individual Government agencies, and 2) increase the professionalism and effectiveness of personnel by developing policies, standards, and approaches to aid in the establishment of a well-trained and highly skilled workforce in the offices of the Inspectors General.

**Basis of Presentation**

These financial statements have been prepared from the accounting records of the CIGIE in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), and the form and content for entity financial statements specified by the office of Management and Budget (OMB) in OMB Circular A-136, *Financial Reporting Requirements*. GAAP for Federal entities are standards prescribed by the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB), which has been designated the official accounting standards-setting body for the Federal Government by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

OMB Circular A-136, revised, requires agencies to prepare financial statements, which include a Balance Sheet, a Statement of Net Cost, a Statement of Changes in Net Position, and a Statement of Budgetary Resources. The Balance Sheet presents, as of September 30, amounts of future economic benefits owned or managed by CIGIE (assets), amounts owed by CIGIE (liabilities), and amounts, which comprise the difference (net position). The Statement of Net Cost reports the full cost of the program, both direct and indirect costs of the output, and the costs of identifiable supporting services provided by other segments within CIGIE and other reporting entities. The Statement of Budgetary Resources reports an agency's budgetary activity.

**Basis of Accounting**

Transactions are recorded on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with U.S. GAAP and reported in accordance with OMB Circular A-136. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized when a liability is incurred, without regard to receipt or payment of cash.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

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**Revenues and Other Financing Sources**

Majority of CIGIE's funding is derived from multiple expenditure transfers in from assessment made against other Federal agencies. However, CIGIE also has exchange revenue, which is generated when CIGIE provides goods or services to another Government entity or the Public for a price. In an exchange transaction, each party to the transaction sacrifices value and receives value in return. An example of exchange revenue is the funds received by CIGIE to provide training. Another term for "exchange revenue" is "earned revenue."

As for other financing sources, certain operating costs of CIGIE are paid out of funds appropriated to other Federal agencies. Specifically, CIGIE records imputed expenses and financing sources for employee retirement plan contributions, group term life insurance, and health benefit costs, which are paid by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

**Personnel Compensation and Benefits**

Salaries and wage of employees are recognized as payroll expenses and related liabilities as earned. These expenses are recognized as a funded liability when accrued.

Annual leave is accrued as it is earned by employees and is included in personnel compensation and benefit costs. An unfunded liability is recognized for earned but unused annual leave, since from a budgetary standpoint, this annual leave will be paid from future appropriations when employees use the leave. The amount accrued is based upon current pay rates for employees. Sick leave and other types of leave that are not vested are expensed when used and no future liability is recognized for these amounts.

CIGIE's employees participate in either the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) or the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS), which became effective on January 1, 1987. CIGIE and its employees both contribute to these systems. Public Law 112-96, Section 5001, the "Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012" divided FERS participants into two categories, FERS employees and FERS-Revised Annuity Employees (FERS-RAE). Employees hired on or after January 1, 2013, with some exceptions, are required to contribute 2.3% more to FERS than FERS employees hired prior to January 1, 2013. Although CIGIE funds a portion of the benefits under CSRS and FERS and makes the necessary payroll withholdings, it does not report assets associated with these benefit plans in accordance with SFFAS 5.

For CSRS employees, CIGIE contributes an amount equal to 7% of the employees' basic pay to the plan. For FERS employees, CIGIE contributes an amount equal to 13.29% of the employees' basic pay to the plan. For FERS-RAE and FRAE employees, CIGIE contributes an amount equal to 11.1% of the employees' basic pay to the plan.

Both CSRS employees and FERS employees are eligible to participate in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP). The TSP is a defined contribution retirement plan intended to supplement the benefits provided under CSRS and FERS. For FERS employees, CIGIE contributes an amount equal to 1% of the employee's basic pay to the TSP and matches employee contributions up to an additional 4%. The first 3% of pay that the employee contributes will be matched dollar-for-dollar; the next 2% will be matched at 50 cents on the dollar. Contributions above 5% of the



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employees pay will not be matched. CSRS employees receive no matching contribution from CIGIE.

OPM is responsible for reporting assets, accumulated plan benefits, and unfunded liabilities, if any, applicable to CSRS participants and FERS employees government-wide, including CIGIE’s employees. CIGIE has recognized an Imputed Cost and Imputed Financing Source for the difference between the estimated service cost and the contributions made by CIGIE and its covered employees. The estimated cost of pension benefits is based on rates issued by OPM.

Employees are entitled to participate in the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance (FEGLI) Program. Participating employees can obtain “basic life” term life insurance, with the employee paying two-thirds of the cost and CIGIE paying one-third. Additional coverage is optional, to be paid fully by the employee. The basic life coverage may be continued into retirement if certain requirements are met. OPM administers the FEGLI program and is responsible for the reporting of related liabilities. Each fiscal year, OPM calculates the U.S. Government’s service cost for the post-retirement portion of basic life coverage. Because CIGIE’s contributions to the basic life coverage are fully allocated by OPM to the pre-retirement portion of coverage, CIGIE has recognized the entire service cost of the post-retirement portion of basic life coverage as an Imputed Cost and Imputed Financing Source.

**NOTE 2 – FUND BALANCE WITH TREASURY**

CIGIE’s Fund Balance with Treasury is derived from transfers in from other Federal entities during the fiscal year. CIGIE is a revolving no year fund and no trust or other fund types are used to fund CIGIE’s activities. Accordingly, as a no-year fund, the fund balance at the end of the previous year is carried forward and made available for the next fiscal year.

A. Fund Balance with Treasury	2015	2014
Revolving Fund	\$12,766,626	\$11,971,811
B. Status of Fund Balance with Treasury		
1) Unobligated Balance		
a) Available	10,955,426	6,272,707
b) Unavailable	215,307	4,903,894
c) Unavailable - Accounts Receivable	(202,908)	(189,835)
2) Obligated Balance not yet Disbursed	1,798,801	985,045
Total	\$12,766,626	\$11,971,811

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**NOTE 3 – ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, NET**

Accounts Receivable, net from the Public represents the Accounts Receivable from public Inspectors General and the Training Institute Academies. Accounts Receivable from federal sources represents the Accounts Receivable from federal Inspectors General.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Accounts Receivable - Non-Federal	\$ 11,238	\$ 11,621
Accounts Receivable - Federal	<u>202,908</u>	<u>189,835</u>
	<u>\$ 214,146</u>	<u>\$ 201,456</u>

**NOTE 4 – OTHER ASSETS**

CIGIE has obligations that involve the advancement of funds for services to be provided in the future with Department of the Interior, Department of Transportation, and Health and Human Services.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Intragovernmental - Other Assets	\$ 465,198	\$ 254,455
Total Assets - Other	<u>\$ 465,198</u>	<u>\$ 254,455</u>

**NOTE 5 – GENERAL PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT, NET**

As of September 30, 2015, CIGIE shows leasehold improvements with a total cost of \$214,153 and a net book value of \$63,811 and administrative equipment with a total cost of \$17,704 and a net book value of \$0. The accumulated depreciation to date shows a balance of \$168,046.

The depreciation calculation method used is Straight Line with a useful life matching the remaining time on the lease contract or seven-years, whichever is less. A \$5,000 threshold is used to determine whether leasehold improvements are capitalized.

<u>2015</u>	<u>Leasehold Improvements</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cost	\$ 214,153	\$ 17,704	\$ 231,857
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(150,342)</u>	<u>(17,704)</u>	<u>(168,046)</u>
Net Book Value	<u>\$ 63,811</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 63,811</u>

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2014	Leasehold Improvements	Equipment	Total
Cost	\$ 214,153	\$ 17,704	\$ 231,857
Accumulated Depreciation	(119,426)	(17,704)	(137,130)
Net Book Value	<u>\$ 94,727</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 94,727</u>

**NOTE 6 – LIABILITIES NOT COVERED BY BUDGETARY RESOURCES**

Liabilities of CIGIE are classified as liabilities covered or not covered by budgetary resources. Liabilities not covered by budgetary resources consists of unfunded leave liability of \$205,365 and \$149,851 as of September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

As of September 30, 2015, liabilities covered by budgetary resources of \$1,509,566 is composed of Accounts Payable \$1,460,432, Accrued Funded Payroll and Leave \$32,665, Employer Contributions and Payroll Taxes Payable \$11,069, and Advances to Others \$5,400. As of September 30, 2014, liabilities covered by budgetary resources of \$736,428 is composed of Accounts Payable \$697,504, Accrued Funded Payroll and Leave \$23,541, Employer Contributions and Payroll Taxes Payable \$7,733, and Advances to Others \$7,650.

	2015	2014
With the Public		
Other (Unfunded leave liability)	\$ 205,365	\$ 149,851
Total liabilities not covered by budgetary resources	205,365	149,851
Total liabilities covered by budgetary resources	1,509,566	736,428
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 1,714,931</u>	<u>\$ 886,279</u>

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**NOTE 7 – OTHER LIABILITIES**

As of September 30, 2015, other liabilities with the public consist of Accrued Funded Payroll and Leave of \$32,665, Unfunded Leave in the amount of \$205,365, and employer contributions and payroll taxes payable – TSP of \$1,499. Other Intragovernmental liabilities consist of employer contributions and payroll taxes payable \$9,570 and Advances to Others \$5,400. As of September 30, 2014, other liabilities with the public consist of Accrued Funded Payroll and Leave of \$23,541, Unfunded Leave in the amount of \$149,851, and employer contributions and payroll taxes payable – TSP of \$1,075. Other Intragovernmental liabilities consist of employer contributions and payroll taxes payable \$6,658 and Advances to Others \$7,650.

	<u>With the Public</u>	<u>Non-Current</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Total</u>
2015	Other Liabilities	\$205,365	\$34,164	\$239,529
2014	Other Liabilities	\$149,851	\$24,616	\$174,467

	<u>Intragovernmental</u>	<u>Non-Current</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Total</u>
2015	Other Liabilities	\$0	\$14,970	\$14,970
2014	Other Liabilities	\$0	\$14,308	\$14,308

**NOTE 8 – INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COSTS AND EXCHANGE REVENUE**

Intragovernmental costs are goods/services purchased from a federal entity. All other costs are associated with non-federal sources.

	<u>Total 2015</u>	<u>Total 2014</u>
Intragovernmental - Costs	\$ 3,455,394	\$ 3,339,699
Public - Costs	2,795,357	2,401,433
Total Costs	<u>6,250,751</u>	<u>5,741,132</u>
Intragovernmental earned revenue	(5,762,917)	(5,614,985)
Public earned revenue	(36,588)	(29,712)
Total earned revenue	<u>(5,799,505)</u>	<u>(5,644,697)</u>
Total Net Costs	<u>\$ 451,246</u>	<u>\$ 96,435</u>

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**NOTE 9 – APPORTIONMENT CATEGORIES OF OBLIGATIONS INCURRED**

All obligations for CIGIE in fiscal year 2015 and fiscal year 2014 are category B on the SF 132, *Apportionment and Reapportionment Schedule*. Apportioned amounts appear on different groups of lines in the application of budgetary resources section of an apportionment. Amounts are identified as Category B in an apportionment are by a specific program, project, or activity. The amount of reimbursable obligations incurred against amounts apportioned under category B are as follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Category B	\$6,564,363	\$5,864,217

**NOTE 10 – UNDELIVERED ORDERS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD**

The amount of CIGIE’s budgetary resources obligated for undelivered orders was \$1,798,801 and \$985,045 as of September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

	<u>Undelivered Orders</u>	<u>Accounts Payable</u>	<u>Unpaid Obligations, End of Year</u>
FY 2015	\$294,635	\$1,504,166	\$1,798,801
FY 2014	\$256,267	\$728,778	\$985,045

**NOTE 11 – RECONCILIATION OF NET COST OF OPERATIONS (PROPRIETARY) TO BUDGET**

Budgetary resources obligated are obligations for personnel, goods, services, benefits, etc. made by the CIGIE in order to conduct operations or acquire assets. Other (i.e., non-budgetary) financing resources are also utilized by the CIGIE in its program (proprietary) operations. For example, spending authority from offsetting collections and recoveries are financial resources from the recoveries of prior year obligations (e.g., the completion of a contract where not all the funds were used) and refunds or other collections (i.e., funds used to conduct operations that were previously budgeted). An imputed financing source is recognized for future federal employee benefits costs incurred for the CIGIE employees that will be funded by OPM. Changes in budgetary resources obligated for goods, services, and benefits ordered but not yet provided represents the difference between the beginning and ending balances of undelivered orders (i.e., good and services received during the year based on obligations incurred the prior year represent a cost of operations not funded from budgetary resources). Resources that finance the acquisition of assets are budgetary resources used to finance assets and not cost of operations (e.g., increases in accounts receivables or capitalized assets). Financing sources yet to be provided represents financing that will be provided in future periods for future costs that are recognized in determining the net cost of operations for the present period. Finally, components not requiring or generating resources are costs included in the net cost of operations that do not require resources (e.g., depreciation and amortized expenses of assets previously capitalized).

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A reconciliation between budgetary resources obligated and net cost of operations (i.e., providing an explanation between budgetary and financial (proprietary) accounting) is as follows (note: in prior years this information was presented as a separate financial statement (the Statement of Financing)):

	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>
Budgetary Resources Obligated	\$ 6,564,363	\$ 5,864,217
Spending Authority from Recoveries and Offsetting Collections	(6,558,495)	(6,118,583)
Imputed Financing from Costs Absorbed by Others	53,552	55,430
Changes in Budgetary Resources Obligated for Goods, Services, and Benefits Ordered but Not Yet Provided	(251,361)	(58,006)
Resources that Finance the Acquisition of Assets	383	(5,422)
Other Resources or Adjustments to Net Obligated Resources That Do Not Affect Net Cost of Operations	556,374	317,793
Financing Sources Yet to be Provided	55,514	10,090
Components Not Requiring or Generating Resources	30,916	30,916
Net Cost of Operations	\$ 451,246	\$ 96,435

**NOTE 12 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

In preparing these financial statements, management has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through November 6, 2015, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

## **Independent Auditor's Report**



**November 6, 2015**

## Independent Auditor's Report

Council Chair, Audit Committee and Executive Director  
Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity & Efficiency  
Washington, DC

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity & Efficiency ("the Council or CIGIE"), which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2015 and 2014, the related consolidated statements of net cost and changes in net position, and combined budgetary resources for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements (hereinafter referred to as "financial statements").

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Bulletin No. 15-02, *Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements*. Those standards and OMB Bulletin No. 15-02 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of CIGIE's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.



We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### ***Opinion on the Financial Statements***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity & Efficiency as of September 30, 2015 and 2014, and its net costs, changes in net position, and budgetary resources for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Other Matters***

#### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the information in the Management's Discussion and Analysis section be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audits of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### ***Other Information***

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements as a whole. The Chairperson's message and other information sections of CIGIE's *Agency Financial Report* are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

### ***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

#### ***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, we considered CIGIE's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of CIGIE's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of CIGIE's internal control. We did not test all internal controls relevant to operating objectives as broadly defined by the *Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act of 1982*.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether CIGIE's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of the financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests of compliance disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported herein under *Government Auditing Standards* or OMB Bulletin No. 15-02.

***Purpose of the Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

The purpose of the communication described in the Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards* section is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of CIGIE's internal control or compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Chortek LLP*

Chortek LLP  
November 6, 2015

## **Other Information**

## Summary of the Financial Statement Audit and Management's Assurances

### Summary of Financial Statement Audit

Audit Opinion	Unmodified				
Restatement	No				
Material Weaknesses	Beginning Balance	New	Resolved	Consolidated	Ending Balance
Total Material Weaknesses	0	0	0	0	0

### Summary of Management Assurances:

Effectiveness of Internal Control over Financial Reporting (FMFIA § 2)						
Statement of Assurance	Unqualified					
Material Weaknesses	Beginning Balance	New	Resolved	Consolidated	Reassessed	Ending Balance
	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Material Weaknesses	0	0	0	0	0	0

Effectiveness of Internal Control over Operations (FMFIA § 2)						
Statement of Assurance	Unqualified					
Material Weaknesses	Beginning Balance	New	Resolved	Consolidated	Reassessed	Ending Balance
	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Material Weaknesses	0	0	0	0	0	0

Conformance with Financial Management Systems Requirements (FMFIA § 4)						
Statement of Assurance	Systems conform to financial management system requirements					
Non-Conformances	Beginning Balance	New	Resolved	Consolidated	Reassessed	Ending Balance
	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Non-Conformances	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Improper Payments Information Act Reporting Details

The *Improper Payments Information Act (IPIA) of 2002*, as amended by the *Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act (IPERA) of 2010*, and further amended by the *Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act (IPERIA) of 2012*, requires agencies to review all programs and activities they administer and identify those which may be susceptible to significant erroneous payments. In FY 2015, CIGIE performed a systematic review of its program and related activities to identify processes which may be susceptible to significant erroneous payments. Significant erroneous payments are defined as annual erroneous payments

in the program exceeding both \$10 million and 2.5 percent or \$100 million of total annual program payments.

CIGIE considered risk factors as outlined in OMB Memorandum M-11-16, *Issuance of Revised Parts I and II to Appendix C of OMB Circular A-123* which may significantly increase the risk of improper payments and determined that none are applicable to CIGIE's operations. Based on the systematic review performed, CIGIE concluded that none of its program activities are susceptible to significant improper payments at or above the threshold levels set by OMB. Accordingly, CIGIE has determined that the risk of improper payments is low. Although CIGIE concluded its programs are not susceptible to improper payments as defined under IPERIA, payments are reviewed as part of its internal control assessment discussed above. The agency reviews its controls and systems under the FMFIA to ensure that the agency remains compliant.