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The U.S. House of Representatives Passes the IG Empowerment Act

Yesterday, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Inspector General Empowerment Act, which provides that federal Inspectors General have full and prompt access to agency records, allows IGs to subpoena federal contractors and former government employees under certain circumstances, and allows IGs to match data across agencies to help uncover wasteful spending. The House bill, [H.R. 2395](#), now moves to the Senate, where a similar bill, S.579, is under consideration by the Senate as part of the BADGER Washington Bill, S. 3011.

CIGIE has long advocated for these measures and welcomes the passage of this Act by the House. We hope that the Senate will likewise take action to help strengthen the independent oversight of the federal IGs to combat fraud, waste, and abuse in federal programs and operations.