

# Inspection and Evaluation Committee

President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency

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## INSPECTION AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

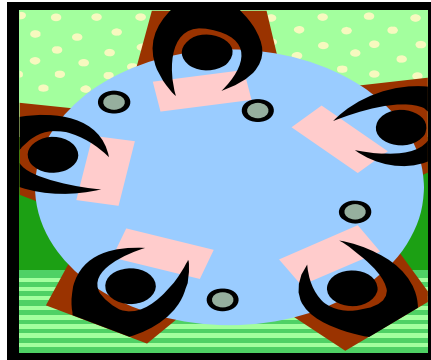
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## FAREWELL TO IGS RICHARD GRIFFIN (VA) AND STEVEN SMITH (FCA)

The I&E Committee bids a fond farewell to I&E Committee members Richard Griffin, VA IG, and Steven Smith, FCA IG.

Their leadership and commitment to the IG mission and their unparalleled support are evident in the countless contributions they made to the IG community.

Mr. Griffin was recently confirmed as the State Department's new Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Diplomatic Security and Director of



the Office of Foreign Missions, with the rank of Ambassador. Mr. Smith will take on a new opportunity at FCA that combines its technology, financial, and human capital functions. In his parting words to the IG community, Mr. Smith stated "...how proud I have been to stand among such a talented group of people." The I&E community wishes both Dick and Steve much success.



## I&E COMMITTEE WELCOMES NEW STATE IG HOWARD KRONGARD

Howard J. Krongard, who assumed the State IG post on May 2, 2005, is our new I&E Committee member. Mr. Krongard has over 23 years' experience as counsel to Big 8 and Big 6 accounting firms.

Mr. Krongard comes to State after serving as counsel to the international law firm Freshfields Bruckhaus Der-

inger from 1996 to 2005, where he developed and oversaw the firm's relationships with U.S. clients in Europe and Asia. Prior to this position, he was general counsel of Deloitte & Touche.

As State IG, Mr. Krongard oversees audits, inspections, and investigations domestically and abroad. The State Department's diplomatic missions operate in 163 countries; its broadcast operations cover 60 languages and reach more than 100 million people worldwide.

A graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law School, with honors, Mr. Krongard was awarded a traveling fellowship to attend Trinity Hall College at Cambridge University in England. He is a longtime club lacrosse player and member of the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame. Originally from Baltimore, Maryland, Mr. Krongard has lived in Upper Montclair, New Jersey, for more than 30 years and has a son and daughter.



### UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next I&E Committee and Roundtable meetings will be in October. (Hosts for both meetings are needed.)

## PROJECTS UNDER WAY

### *BEST PRACTICES GUIDE FOR REVIEWING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS*

The disaster and emergency preparedness working group, led by Jennifer Carmichael and Jim Seacord, DIA OIG, is reviewing its first draft of a best practices guide and plans to present a revised draft at the next Roundtable meeting. The guide will focus on preparedness, response, and continuity of operations and could be useful to other agencies reviewing disaster/emergency preparedness.

Copies of the first draft were presented to I&E Roundtable members at their June 2 meeting. Representatives from Commerce, Education, EPA, DIA, DHS, DOE, FEC, FDIC, and NRO have collaborated on the project. Other agencies interested in participating in the next working group meeting should contact Jennifer at [jcarmichael@dia.mil](mailto:jcarmichael@dia.mil) or Christine Shafik of Commerce OIG at [cshafik@oig.doc.gov](mailto:cshafik@oig.doc.gov).

### *WORKERS' COMPENSATION (FEDERAL EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION ACT) WORKING GROUP*

I&E Roundtable members are discussing the feasibility of starting a FECA working group. At the June I&E Roundtable meeting, several members expressed interest in sharing information and best practices. They suggested that a working group could develop a guide on recurring issues, potential areas for cost savings, and information resources. Several agencies such as VA, DOI, Commerce,

and Education have conducted recent work in this area. Please contact Christine Shafik at [cshafik@oig.doc.gov](mailto:cshafik@oig.doc.gov) for more information.



## TRAINING NEWS

The I&E Committee and Skillssoft working group have identified specific courses for the I&E community as part of the HR Committee's PCIE Skillssoft pilot project.

The working group evaluated and recommended five courses as part of a larger PCIE pilot that would be especially helpful for inspectors and evaluators.

The recommended courses for I&E staff in the initial pilot include the following:

- Crisp Composition.
- Using Data as a Professional Consultant.
- Data Mining.
- Project Planning.
- Presentation Skills.

Skillssoft will be rolled out in July. Participants in the pilot can evaluate courses identified by the I&E working group and access more than 2000 other online courses. Contact Christine Shafik at [cshafik@oig.doc.gov](mailto:cshafik@oig.doc.gov) for more information.

## INSPECTION MANUAL UPDATES

Several I&E units have already shared their inspection manuals with OIGs developing or updating their own inspection manuals. Contact Erin Reuther at [ereuther@oig.doc.gov](mailto:ereuther@oig.doc.gov) for more information or to share your manual.

### GET THE SCOOP!

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### I&E COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

*To promote effective I&E practices and information sharing among OIGs, develop innovative ways to address issues that impact numerous or all federal agencies, foster improved inspection and evaluation methodologies, and provide or develop training to enhance the skills of inspectors and evaluators.*