OFFICES OF INSPECTOR GENERAL HAVE HAD A LONG HISTORY OF WORKING together. Their collaboration started out informally, but in 1981, President Reagan recognized the value of formalizing these relationships to build an oversight community. President Reagan signed Executive Order 12301, which established the President’s Council on Integrity and Efficiency to “develop plans for coordinated government-wide activities which attack fraud and waste in government programs and operations.”

After the 1988 Amendments, President George H.W. Bush signed Executive Order 12805. This order established the Executive Council on Integrity and Efficiency, which was similarly structured to the President’s Council on Integrity and Efficiency but included Designated Federal Entity Inspectors General. The two Councils brought together Inspectors General with common interests to share best practices. Over time, the Councils laid the groundwork for the community that would later be formalized in statute.