

## **Transcript: “Welcome to Oversight.gov,” October 2017**

Hello, I’m Michael Horowitz, Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Justice and Chair of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, also known as CIGIE.

It is my pleasure to welcome you today to Oversight.gov, a new web site that consolidates in one place public reports from federal Inspectors General, who serve as agency watchdogs across the federal government. Each year, federal Inspectors General identify billions of dollars in potential taxpayer savings, conduct investigations that promote government accountability, and make thousands of recommendations to improve government operations.

Inspectors General post these reports to their own web sites. However, there has been no single site where the public can locate and read federal IG reports from across the federal government. With Oversight.gov, that changes. Now, users can sort and filter our database of public reports from contributing IGs to find items of interest. The reports are all text searchable, and the site has a user friendly map to help find reports based on geography. The site also includes other resources, including contact information for each IG’s whistleblower hotline, and users can learn about new reports by following our new Twitter account, @OversightGov.

As the Chair of CIGIE, I’m proud of this initiative because it makes the work of the IG community more accessible and transparent. I am confident that this new web site will improve the public’s access to independent and authoritative information about how their federal tax dollars are being spent, and which programs are being well run and which ones need improvement. It will also allow the public to learn more about the IGs’ efforts to combat waste, fraud, abuse, and misconduct in the federal government.

I encourage you to explore the web site and the important work of Inspectors General, and I invite you to share your feedback with us as we continue to develop this new resource.

Thank you for joining me today.