Office of Inspector General Recommend Billions in Government Savings and Improvements

Greg Friedman, Vice Chair of the President’s Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE), and Barry Snyder, Vice Chair of the Executive Council on Integrity and Efficiency (ECIE) today issued the PCIE and ECIE annual report, A Progress Report to the President, Fiscal Year 2006. The report summarizes the most significant activities and accomplishments of the Federal Inspectors General community. The report also highlights the top management and performance challenges facing the Federal government.

The 2006 report details the work of the Inspectors General to bring about financial, programmatic, and management improvements in Federal government operations. Cumulatively, these efforts resulted in: $9.9 billion in potential savings from audit recommendations; $6.8 billion in investigative recoveries; 6,500 indictments and criminal informations; 8,400 successful prosecutions; 7,300 suspensions or debarments; and, 4,200 personnel actions. The report highlights efforts to uncover criminal misconduct and illegal activities affecting Federal programs and operations.

In this year’s report, the Inspectors General identified six especially significant challenges needing immediate and responsive Agency management attention. These included: 1) Homeland Security and Disaster Preparedness; 2) Information Technology Management and Security; 3) Financial Management and Performance; 4) Human Capital Management; 5) Performance Management and Accountability; and 6) Procurement and Grant Management.

Details on the activities of individual Offices of Inspector General may be found at www.ignet.gov. We encourage readers to avail themselves of this information.

Friedman and Snyder, in discussing the 2006 accomplishments of the Inspector General community. “We are proud of the 2006 accomplishments of the Inspector General community. As a community, we will continue to pursue our goal of making government more efficient and effective to better serve the citizens of our Nation.”

The PCIE, created in 1981, and ECIE, created in 1992, were established to coordinate and enhance governmental efforts to promote integrity and efficiency and to detect and prevent fraud, waste and abuse in Federal programs. For access to this report and a more in depth look into the Inspector General community, visit www.ignet.gov/randp/arpt1.html.

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