HOW DO THE COUNCILS FUNCTION?
Six standing PCIE committees, listed below, conduct the business of the Councils. ECIE representatives serve as members on each committee.

- **AUDIT COMMITTEE**
  Improves audit quality, coordinates government-wide audits, and enhances audit professionalism.

- **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**
  Leads the creation of innovative and effective human resources management programs.

- **INSPECTION AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE**
  Shares best practices and provides training to improve inspection and evaluation techniques.

- **INTEGRITY COMMITTEE**
  Ensures that administrative allegations against IGs are appropriately and expeditiously investigated and resolved.

- **INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE**
  Addresses cross-cutting investigative issues and shares best practices.

- **LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**
  Keeps community abreast of congressional areas of interest.

WHERE ARE WE HEADED?
A *Strategic Framework*, adopted by the PCIE and ECIE in May 2001, outlines the IG community’s goals and objectives. The overall mission is to independently anticipate and communicate the weaknesses and vulnerabilities of the federal government, facilitate solutions, and identify opportunities for improved performance.

In line with this mission, the Councils will pursue the following Strategic Goals over the next 3 years:

1. Improve federal programs and operations.
2. Communicate reliable and timely information.
3. Implement human resource programs to recruit and retain highly skilled and well-trained staff.
4. Foster and advance the professional image and effectiveness of the OIG community.
HOW DO WE CONTRIBUTE TO GOOD GOVERNMENT?

- Offer analysis and advice on critical government-wide initiatives, such as computer security, Results Act, and financial management;
- Look independently at problems and recommend possible solutions;
- Issue fact-filled reports based on professional audit, investigative, and inspection standards;
- Perform independent investigation of allegations;
- Provide technical and/or consultative advice as new plans are developed; and
- Maintain hotlines for employees and others to report confidential information regarding allegations of fraud and abuse.

WHAT ARE SOME OF OUR RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS?

The IG community continues to be a positive force in the federal government for recommending improvements and detecting fraud, waste, and abuse. Each year billions of dollars are returned to the federal government or better spent based on IG recommendations. Our FY 2000 results include:

- Potential savings of $9.5 billion,
- Recoveries of almost $5.5 billion,
- More than 5,500 successful prosecutions,
- Suspending or debarming of nearly 7,000 individuals or businesses,
- Over 2,600 civil or personnel actions, and
- About 120 testimonies before the Congress on issues of national interest.

WHAT ARE OUR AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES?

- Have access to records and information of the agency,
- Conduct audits and investigations and issue reports as the IG deems appropriate,
- Issue court documents requesting information from outside the agency,
- Administer oaths for taking testimony, and
- Hire and manage our staff and contract resources.

HOW CAN YOU CONTACT US?

The official Web site for the IG community is IGnet. It can be accessed at www.ignet.gov. The Web site provides information such as:

- The history, organization, mission, reports, and activities of the IG community;
- Frequently asked questions about the IGs;
- A directory of IGs and links to their home pages;
- Vacancy announcements; and
- A feedback function to provide comments and suggestions.