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#### 25<sup>th</sup> Annual IIA Conference

- Highlight the impact of the Inspector General concept
- Federal Inspector General community as a case study
  - Important at IIA setting
    - Auditors make up bulk of the IG community at local, state and federal levels
    - Share many issues with IIA and its membership

### **Media Impact**



#### Passage of Federal IG Act in 1978

Significant debate in Congress

 Brought together audit, investigation and inspection/evaluation functions

13 original agencies participated

#### **Current Inspector General Constructs**

- 62 President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE) and Executive Council on Integrity and Efficiency (ECIE) members at the federal level of which 29 are Presidentially appointed
- 11,600 employees of multiple disciplines
- \$1.9 billion annually in expenditures





## Expansion of IG Concept at All Levels of Government

- State Government
- County and City Governments
- Regional Authorities
- Foreign Countries/Territories

## What Do We Do?

- Independent set of eyes and ears
- Fact finders in high profile controversial matters
- Bring to justice those who attempt to defraud the people of the United States
- Act as the taxpayers' representative, so that they have a "seat at the table" as key governmental decisions are made



What Are The Characteristics That Have Led To The Community's Increased Influence?

- Detailed knowledge and technical expertise to the table
- Professionalism in the conduct of our work
- An independent perspective, and
- A desire to effect positive change

Areas of Impact...

## **Gulf Coast Recovery Effort**

Homeland Security Roundtable
Disaster Preparedness Guide
Hurricane Katrina Task Forces



# Hurricane Katrina



# **Deterring Terrorist Threat**

Handling Intelligence Information (DOJ)

Storing Biological Agents (HHS)

Suspicious Activity Reports (Treasury)

Controls over Social Security Numbers (SSA)

Federal Information Security Management Act

## **Financial Management**

Annual Financial Statement Audits:

- From 1996 to 2005, unqualified audit opinions for the 23 CFO Act agencies have <u>increased</u> from 6 to 18
- From 2001 to 2005, auditor-reported material weaknesses have <u>decreased</u> from 57 to 48
- In 2005, the 75 agencies under the ATD act had 43 unqualified opinions.

## Fraud / Erroneous Payments

#### ■ Medical (HHS)

Student Loan Transactions (ED)

Worker Compensation Payments (DOC)

# Federal IG Community Results in Total



- \$20 Billion in Potential Savings
- 6,800 Indictments and Civil Informations
- 7,700 Successful Prosecutions
- 550 Civil Actions Successfully Concluded
- 9,900 Suspensions and Debarments
- 2,800 Personnel Actions



## Conclusion

View ourselves as instruments of positive change

- Tight budget
- IG community's importance
- Effective and efficient operation

Proud of our activities and
Believe we have a direct impact on the agencies

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