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INSPECTORS GENERAL ANNOUNCE NEW TOOL TO TRACK INSPECTOR GENERAL VACANCIES

CIGIE Announces the Latest in a Series of Enhancements to Oversight.gov

Today, the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) announces a new [web page](#) to track which Inspector General (IG) positions are currently vacant and for how long they have been vacant.

"Filling vacant Inspector General positions has long been a priority for the oversight community," said CIGIE Chair and Department of Justice Inspector General Michael E. Horowitz, "No matter how able or experienced an Acting Inspector General may be, permanent leadership at any organization is important for stability and long-term success. Further, by virtue of the authority provided for in the IG Act, permanent IGs inevitably are seen as having greater independence. As such, a timely process for addressing vacant IG positions is crucial to an OIG's success in overseeing federal programs and personnel."

The eleven Inspector General vacancies:

- Include nine vacancies that require Presidential appointment and Senate confirmation;
- Include some of the largest Offices of Inspector General by personnel and by budget; and
- Include seven vacancies that have been open for longer than one year, and five that have been open for longer than two years.

"When we launched Oversight.gov in 2018, our vision was to create a centralized and robust source of information about the 74 federal Inspectors General. The vacancy tracker is just one of our planned enhancements to Oversight.gov," said Horowitz.

CIGIE's new Inspector General vacancy tracker was made possible because of bipartisan support from the leadership of the Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on Financial Services and General Government. The subcommittees provided CIGIE with \$2 million in fiscal year 2019 and \$1 million in fiscal year 2020 to improve Oversight.gov as a good government and transparency tool. The vacancy tracker tool is the latest of several planned enhancements, which also includes whistleblower resources and a pilot database of all OIG open recommendations.

In developing this web page, CIGIE also benefitted from the prior work of the Project On Government Oversight, which developed an Inspector General Vacancy Tracker in 2012.

View the Inspector General Vacancies page:

<https://www.oversight.gov/ig-vacancies>