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Oversight.gov, the one-stop-shop for Inspector General reports, celebrates 5 years of continued success

Today, the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), commemorated the 5th anniversary of the launch of <u>Oversight.gov</u>. Launched in October 2017, Oversight.gov is a powerful tool that lends transparency to the work of federal, state, and local Office of Inspectors General (OIG). By consolidating reports on a single website, CIGIE provided a one-stop-shop for oversight work and improved the public's access to important information. Each year, OIG audits, inspections, evaluations, and reviews identify tens of billions of dollars in potential taxpayer savings and make thousands of recommendations to improve government operations. All of this oversight work can be found on Oversight.gov. You can also review our Fact Sheet on Oversight.gov <u>here</u>.

"The features and enhancements of Oversight.gov contribute directly to the mission and bedrock principles of Inspectors General - transparency and accountability of federal programs, and the independence of Inspectors General. As CIGIE Chair, I am proud of the work we have done over the past 5 years, and I look forward to continuing to build resources for our key stakeholders so we can improve government operations," said CIGIE Chairperson and National Science Foundation Inspector General Allison C. Lerner.

As of October 2022, there are 72 participating federal OIGs who have shared 23,816 reports and have 17,188 open recommendations related to IG audits, inspections and evaluations, reviews, management challenge reports, semiannual reports to congress, and other types of activities. The OIGs identified \$55.23 billion in potential savings of federal tax dollars in fiscal year 2022 as part of their comprehensive efforts to eliminate waste in federal programs.

With the additional funding received from Congress since the Oversight.gov launch, CIGIE has implemented numerous website enhancements, including:

- A whistleblower portal.
- Investigative press releases from the Department of Justice related to OIG cases.
- An Inspector General vacancy dashboard.

- A subsite for state and local oversight agencies which has 698 reports from 61 different agencies, allowing Members of Congress and the public a more comprehensive view of oversight findings and areas of concern within their state and locality.
- Data, infographics, and downloadable datasets related to OIG Semiannual Reports to Congress and Open Recommendations.

Additionally, the Oversight.gov platform has been used to build and host websites for OIGs. These websites enhance OIG independence, as they give OIGs full control over their websites' content and design. There are currently12 OIGs using such websites, with 6 new sites in development, and 16 additional sites in queue.

Work on Oversight.gov continues, with a new priority recommendation initiative under way and a website refresh ongoing.

We thank the CIGIE community, and Oversight.gov's users and stakeholders, for their ongoing engagement and support, which has been essential to our success.

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