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Offices of Inspector General Identify Billions in Potential Savings

Gregory H. Friedman, Vice Chair of the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE), and Dr. Christine C. Boesz, Vice Chair of the Executive Council on Integrity and Efficiency (ECIE), today issued the Inspector General community's annual report, *A Progress Report to the President, Fiscal Year 2007*. The report summarizes key activities and accomplishments of the Federal Inspector General community during the last fiscal year.

In Fiscal Year 2007, Offices of Inspector General identified significant potential dollar savings as well as program efficiencies and enhancements from a range of audits, investigations, evaluations, and inspections. The Inspector General community was responsible for successful investigations of individuals and entities who threatened government integrity and the public trust. Cumulatively, these efforts resulted in: \$11.4 billion in potential savings from audit recommendations; \$5.1 billion from investigative recoveries and receivables; 6,800 indictments and criminal informations; over 8,900 successful prosecutions; about 4,300 suspensions or debarments; and nearly 310,000 hotline complaints processed.

The 2007 annual report also focuses on the many collaborative efforts of Offices of Inspector General across government. By joining forces to tackle issues of mutual concern, the Inspector General community has leveraged resources to better address current multi-agency problems, working proactively to prevent such problems in the future.

As noted in the report, the Inspector General community continues to commit a substantial portion of its resources to auditing agency financial statements. Collectively, this effort is one of the largest financial statement audit engagements ever undertaken. Similarly, Offices of Inspector General played a key role in performing annual evaluations of agency information system security and privacy protection. Finally, by identifying and helping agencies address management and performance challenges, the Inspector General community fostered government accountability and transparency, all on behalf of the U.S. taxpayers.

The PCIE, created in 1981, and the 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 detailed look at the Inspector General community, visit www.ignet.gov.

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