



Florida Inspectors General

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History of the IG Function at the Federal and State Levels

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Long Standing Requirement for Audit Not Followed

- Budget and Accounting Act of 1921
- Accounting and Auditing Act of 1950
- GAO Standards (The 1972 Version)
- OMB Circular No. A-73

Early GAO Reports

Review of 18 Agencies and/or Components
Disclosed:

- Lack of independence
- Lack of effective organization
- Lack of coordination
- Lack of resources

Scandals and Administrative IGs

- Billy Sol Estes led to Administrative IG in Agriculture (early 1960s)



- HUD scandals in late 60s and early 70s led to an Administrative IG in HUD



- VA in early 1978

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS



Dismissal of Ag IG



- 1974 Earl Butz, Secretary of Agriculture, summarily abolished the Ag IG exposing the fatal flaw in Administrative IGs
- A statutory IG was created in HEW in October 1976
- Newly created Department of Energy had a statutory IG in 1977
- This was followed by the Inspector General Act of 1978 which established Statutory IGs in 12 agencies

The IG ACT Of 1978

Inspector General Act was created to:

- Conduct and supervise audits and investigations relating to programs and operations.
- Provide leadership and coordinate & recommend policies for activities to promote economy, efficiency, effectiveness and prevent and detect fraud and abuse
- Provide a means for keeping the head of the establishment & the Congress fully and currently informed about deficiencies and corrective actions

Creation Dates for Statutory IGs

- **HEW** Oct. 15, 1976
- **Energy** August 4, 1977
- **12 Agencies !** October 12, 1978
- **Education** October 17, 1979
- **State** October 17, 1980
- **AID** December 29, 1981
- **Department of Defense** September 8, 1982
- **Railroad Retirement Board** August 12 1983

Problems and Challenges after 1978

Creation of an office did not solve all of the problems and challenges. It was simply a starting place.

- Mass removal of all IG on January 20, 1981
- Problems in obtaining necessary resources.
- Problems with independent legal advice
- Failures of Inspectors General
- DOD wanted the IG to ask for permission to investigate or audit



Big Guns for the IGs in House and Senate

- ✓ Jack Brooks and H.L. Fountain, House Committee on Government Operations



- ✓ Lawton Chiles, Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs



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In Florida the Inspector General Act of 1994 (FS 20.055) established the duties, responsibilities and authority of an inspector general. This too was a starting place.



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Questions?

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