OFFICE of INSPECTOR GENERAL

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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WHO **WE ARE**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Inspector General (OIG) is one of the original 12 Inspectors General authorized under the Inspector General Act of 1978. Over the years, we have engaged with HUD personnel in recommending ways to improve departmental operations and addressing program abuses. We strive to make a difference in HUD's performance and accountability by focusing our efforts on preventing abuses, mitigating exposure to the Department when abuses are discovered, and finding solutions to prevent recurrence.

We are committed to our statutory mission of detecting and preventing fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement and promoting the effectiveness and efficiency of government operations. While organizationally we are located within the Department, we operate as an independent body. This independence allows for clear and objective reporting to the HUD Secretary and Congress. Our objectives are

- Promoting fiscal responsibility and financial accountability,
- Safeguarding the integrity of public and Indian housing,
- Improving HUD's execution of and accountability for grant funds, and
- Protecting the integrity of housing insurance and guarantee programs.

OUR **OFFICES**

THE OFFICE OF AUDIT plans and conducts audits of departmental activities, which include (1) headquarters programs and operations and the activities of HUD's field offices located in 10 regions, (2) hundreds of HUD programs and initiatives, and (3) thousands of contractors and program participants doing business with the Department. The Office of Audit's significant workload is generally divided into four primary categories: performance audits, information system audits, financial audits, and advisory and assistance services.

THE OFFICE OF INSPECTIONS AND EVALUATIONS plans and conducts independent assessments of the design, implementation, and results of HUD's operations, programs, or policies. The Division provides a flexible and effective mechanism for the oversight and review of Department and agency programs by using a multidisciplinary staff and multiple methods for gathering and analyzing data. It can be used to determine the efficiency, effectiveness, impact, and sustainability of operations, programs, or policies and provide information that is timely, credible, and useful for agency managers, policy makers, and others.

THE OFFICE OF INVESTIGATION plans and conducts investigations that vary in purpose and scope and may involve alleged violations of criminal or civil laws, as well as administrative requirements. The focus of an investigation may include the integrity of programs, operations, and personnel in agencies at Federal, State, and local levels of government; program, procurement, and grant fraud schemes; mortgage fraud, financial fraud, and whistleblower retaliation; and other matters involving alleged violations of law, rules, regulations, and policies.

THE OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL provides independent legal and policy advice to all components of OIG on a variety of substantive and procedural matters relating to OIG's audit, program evaluation, and investigation activities. The Office of Legal Counsel also represents OIG in administrative litigation; manages the OIG ethics program, providing training, advice, and financial disclosure reviews; and coordinates OIG responses to Freedom of Information Act and other document requests.

THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY is responsible for developing, implementing, managing, and supporting a strategic plan for OIG that aligns planning, resources, policies, processes, reporting, and performance measures for internal efficiency. It is also responsible for budget and administrative services, human resources, training, program integrity, infrastructure services, information management, data and predictive analytics as well as information technology evaluations of HUD IT and IT security programs. As the public affairs liaison point and manager of the OIG hotline, this office receives, analyzes, and reviews complaints and allegations; communicates with the public and the media; and maintains the OIG Web page.

HIGH PRIORITY **FOCUS AREAS**

CIVIL FRAUD

The OIG's Joint Civil Fraud Division is a blend of audit and investigative staff specializing in civil enforcement to address improper activities aimed at the Department's vital programs. The OIG remains committed to investigating and prosecuting financial and mortgage fraud that harm the programs that our citizenry relies on, the taxpayer who must deal with the effects of the financial problems caused by such inappropriate behavior, and the financial markets that can be impacted negatively as an aftereffect. OIG plays a crucial role in the Federal financial recovery effort through criminal investigations and civil reviews. The Division is tasked with uncovering fraud nationwide, investigating qui tam cases, and pursuing civil actions and administrative sanctions against entities and individuals that commit fraud against HUD.

DISASTER OVERSIGHT

The Department's role has greatly increased over the last decade as HUD has had to deal with disasters and economic crises that have increased its visibility and reaffirmed its vital role in providing services that impact the lives of all of our citizens. Along with the increase in the Department's role is the increase in the oversight responsibilities of OIG. Disasters and the large amounts of funds needed to help those impacted are an area of focus and challenge for HUD and OIG. To address the enormous task of oversight, OIG's audit, investigative, and inspections staff provides a continuing and comprehensive review of the administration and expenditure of funds.

REPORT **FRAUD**

Assist us with HUD's primary mission of creating strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality, affordable homes for all and ensuring the integrity of HUD operations by reporting suspected fraud, waste, abuse, or gross mismanagement in HUD programs or operations to the OIG hotline at **HOTLINE@hudoig.gov**

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