



# Architect of the Capitol Office of Inspector General THE OIG QUARTERLY

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## MESSAGE FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

It is an honor to address you in my first message as Inspector General of the Architect of the Capitol (AOC).

As I complete my first 2 months in this role, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the many AOC colleagues who have welcomed me so warmly. I am proud to be part of an institution with such a unique and vital mission — and grateful to join a team that works every day to preserve, protect, and serve one of our nation's most treasured landmarks.

I come to this role with nearly two decades of experience in the federal oversight community, including service as Deputy and Acting Inspector General at the U.S. Department of Labor. Throughout my career, I have been guided by the belief that independent oversight, when carried out with integrity, fairness, and respect, strengthens institutions and helps ensure government works better for the people it serves.

Over the past months, I have had the opportunity to meet with many of AOC's senior leaders and stakeholders. These conversations have reinforced what I have already come to appreciate about this agency: the professionalism, pride, and deep sense of mission that define its work. I look forward to building on that strong foundation together.

As your Inspector General, I aim to lead an office that is independent, constructive, and rooted in our shared values. I do not view oversight as adversarial; I see it as a partnership grounded in accountability, trust, and a commitment to helping the agency thrive in its service to Congress, the Supreme Court, and the American people.

Thank you for the work you do every day to support this historic institution. I am honored to serve in this role, and I look forward to the continued dialogue in the months ahead.

Thank you,

Luiz A. Santos, CFE, PMP  
*Inspector General*



## DEMYSTIFYING THE OIG

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) has published a series of informational videos to help increase understanding of its processes. If you're interested in learning more about how the OIG operates, you can watch these videos by searching "Demystifying the Office of the Inspector General" in the [AOC Learn catalog](#) or by using the following links:

- [Demystifying the Office of the Inspector General: Audit](#)
- [Demystifying the Office of the Inspector General: Follow Up Evaluation](#)
- [Demystifying the Office of the Inspector General: Inspections and Evaluations](#)
- [Demystifying the Office of the Inspector General: Investigation](#)



## CIGIE ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS

The Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) released its [Annual Report to the President and Congress](#), offering a collective review of all OIG work conducted in fiscal year (FY) 2024 and underscoring the important role OIGs play in detecting fraud, waste and abuse across the Federal Government. Key takeaways are as follows:

- More than 14,000 employees across 73 OIGs conducted audits, inspections, evaluations, and investigations, resulting in significant improvements to the economy and efficiency of government programs.
- OIGs collectively identified approximately \$71.1 billion in monetary accomplishments.
- The OIG community's aggregate FY 2024 budget was approximately \$3.9 billion, meaning these potential savings represent roughly \$18 returned for every dollar invested in OIGs.
- OIGs' collective efforts resulted in 3,675 successful criminal prosecutions and 1,015 successful civil actions.

Be sure to check out the report for more information!



## RED FLAG ALERT: TIME AND ATTENDANCE FRAUD

Preventing time and attendance fraud starts with understanding it: this type of fraud occurs when employees misreport hours worked. Look over the following statements — can you identify the red flags?

1. My organization has a policy on when timesheets are due each week.
2. If I forget to clock out, it's acceptable to ask a colleague to clock out for me.
3. My timesheet has codes to accurately reflect tasks completed during the workday.
4. My timesheet entries look the same each week.
5. If I cannot remember how many hours I worked during the pay period, I estimate.
6. My supervisor, or their delegate, approves my leave prior to me taking it.

Refer to the bottom of the page for answers.



## IMPORTANCE OF OIG HOTLINES

Did you know that hotline reports play a vital role in helping the OIG detect fraud, waste, and abuse? Over the last 3 years alone, hotline complaints have produced 56 investigations resulting in 25 administrative disciplinary actions (e.g., suspensions or removals), \$388,000 in restitution, and 2 civil/criminal convictions. **Your voice matters — if you see something, report it!**

**Answer Key:** If you answered 2, 4, and 5, congratulations! You correctly identified the red flags. Continue to stay watchful and help safeguard against time and attendance fraud.

## QUARTERLY OIG SNAPSHOT

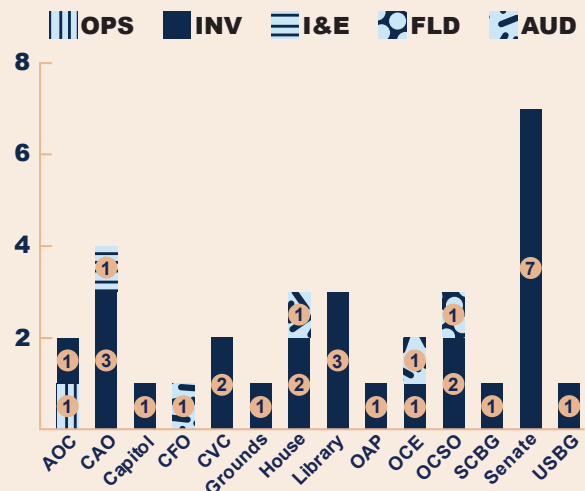
### Check out our most recent reports:

- Audit of the Architect of the Capitol's Cannon House Office Building Renewal Project's Contract Labor (OIG-AUD-2025-04)
- Evaluation of the Architect of the Capitol's Implementation of Information Security Modernization for Fiscal Year 2024 (2024-0004-IE-P)
- Threats and Concerning Statements (2025-0010-INVI-P)

<https://aocoig.oversight.gov/reports-reading-room/reports>

Visit the URL to access these reports and more!

### Active OIG Engagements by Jurisdiction



### Have a Request?

If there's a topic you're interested in learning more about or you think would benefit others, contact [Charlotte.McCray@aoc.gov](mailto:Charlotte.McCray@aoc.gov).

HAPPY 2 YEARS

This fall, we're celebrating a special milestone — our second anniversary of The OIG Quarterly! Over this time, we've shared stories, updates, and insights to keep you connected and inspired. None of this would be possible without you — our amazing community of readers and supporters.

As we step into our third year, we're more excited than ever to continue bringing you fresh ideas, meaningful content, and new ways to engage. Thank you for reading, sharing, and growing with us. Here's to the next chapter — and many more years ahead!

## REPORT FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE



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## WHAT IS THE OIG?



Most federal agencies have an independent OIG charged with conducting independent audits, investigations, and inspections and evaluations as well as preventing and detecting fraud, waste, and abuse. Through audits and evaluations that recommend improvements in operations and investigation of those who abuse the public trust or defraud government programs, the AOC OIG works to ensure the integrity of AOC programs and operations.