

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

## Anniversary Issue

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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### FINDINGS FROM SEMIANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS

In April, the OIG transmitted the first *Semiannual Report to Congress* (SAR) of the year. Below is a snapshot of the OIG's work during the SAR reporting period. Check out the full report for more findings like these and summaries of investigations, evaluations, audits, and more!

#### Reporting Period

October 1, 2023-March 31, 2024

34

Projects in Progress at Start of Reporting Period

64

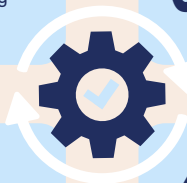
Projects Initiated During Reporting Period

58

Projects Completed During Reporting Period

40

Projects in Progress at End of Reporting Period



### MESSAGE FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

I'm pleased to share the very first anniversary issue of *The OIG Quarterly* with you all. During my 7-year tenure as the AOC Inspector General, my team has taken every step to be available and open to the AOC workforce that we serve. *The OIG Quarterly* is one of those steps, and I couldn't be more proud of their accomplishments or excited for what's to come.

The purpose of this newsletter is to create a channel of communication from the OIG out to the AOC workforce. We rely on you and your eyes and ears to help us collect information to achieve our mission of stopping fraud, waste and abuse. This newsletter is our opportunity to turn around and share helpful information with you. If there are ever any topics or insights into our processes and findings that you'd like to know more about, let us know by contacting [Charlotte.McCray@aoc.gov](mailto:Charlotte.McCray@aoc.gov).

In this issue, we're going to review findings from the latest SAR, take a brief trip down memory lane with a retrospective of the past year's newsletters and then provide guidance on the MyEPP security breach. Don't forget, our door is always open. Write us an email, call the hotline — we're here to listen.

— Christopher Failla, CIG, CFE, AOC Inspector General



### A YEAR IN RETROSPECT



#### Celebrating CIGIE Awards

In 2023, six of our own OIG staff members — Meghan Blasi, Audrey Cree, Natasha Garcia, Kristy Miller, Sally Smith, and Abbey Tereba — were bestowed awards on behalf of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE)! Check out the full [CIGIE award announcements](#) to catch all the details.



#### Welcoming New Employees

Over the past year, the OIG has welcomed three new employees:

- Anna Bieganowska, *Investigative Analyst*
- Thomas Gallagher, *Special Agent*
- Lone Quinn, *Follow-Up Evaluator*



#### Sharing Information

Across four issues, we've discussed what waste looks like in agency programs and operations, presented the fraud triangle framework, described the five tenets of fraud, explained the importance of reporting outside employment and using OIG hotlines, and began illuminating time and attendance fraud. We're just getting started!



## MyEPP SECURITY BREACH

The AOC OIG has learned that cyber criminals are potentially targeting the National Finance Center's (NFC's) My Employee Personal Page (MyEPP) system. Federal government employees have reported unauthorized access to their MyEPP profiles, resulting in modifications to their employee bank accounts and routing information. Victim employees reportedly used an internet search engine to navigate to the NFC page, which turned out to be a fictitious website. If you identify discrepancies with your MyEPP account, please contact the [HCMD](#) and the [AOC OIG Hotline](#). You are also encouraged to file a complaint with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's [Internet Crime Complaint Center \(IC3\)](#). Employees should include "#NFC" in the narrative to facilitate IC3 review and prioritization.

### How Do I Access MyEPP?

MyEPP can be accessed through the following link:  
<https://nfc.usda.gov/epps/>.

### How Can I Protect Myself?

1. Remember that companies generally do not contact you to ask for your username or password.
2. Do not click on anything in an unsolicited email or text message. Look up the company's phone number on your own (do not use the one a potential scammer provides) and call the company to ask if the request is legitimate.
3. Carefully examine the email address, URL and spelling of any correspondence.
4. Be careful about what you download. Never open an email attachment from someone you do not know and be wary of email attachments forwarded to you.
5. Set up two-factor (or multifactor) authentication on any account that allows it, and never disable it.

Also, be careful about the information you share online, including on social media. By openly sharing things like a pet's name, schools you've attended, your date of birth or information about your family members, you can give scammers all the information they need to guess your password or answers to your security questions.

## QUARTERLY OIG SNAPSHOT

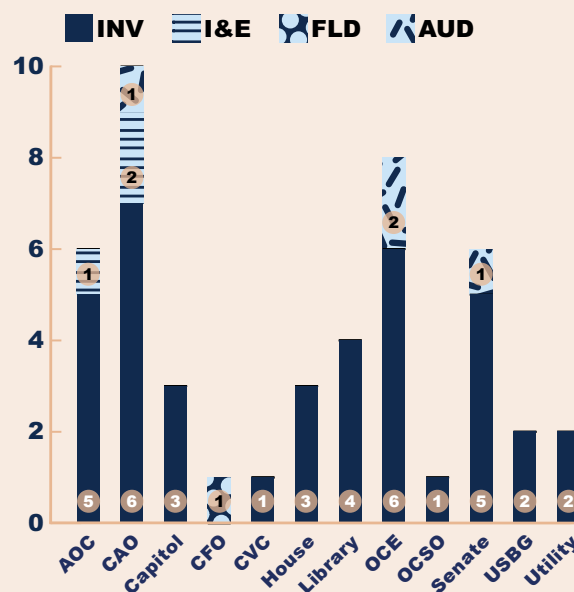
### Check out our most recent reports:

- [Semiannual Report to Congress](#)
- [Allegation that AOC Employee Submitted a False Resume When Applying for Current Position \(2024-0014-INVI-P\)](#)
- [Follow-Up Evaluation of the Architect of the Capitol Data Center \(OIG-FLD-2024-01\)](#)
- [Misuse of Government issued iPhone \(2024-0017-INVI-P\)](#)
- [Evaluation of the Architect of the Capitol's Contracting Officer and Contracting Officer's Representative Oversight \(2023-0002-IE-P\)](#)
- [Misuse of Government Fuel Cards \(2024-0016-INVI-P\)](#)



Scan the QR code to access these reports and more!

### Active OIG Engagements by Jurisdiction



## 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.