

A MESSAGE FROM
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL



The men and women of the Office of the Inspector General are a talented and dedicated group of professionals. Proud of their work and believing deeply in their mission, they bring diverse skills but the same unyielding commitment to the table every day. I am honored to have the opportunity to lead them in our effort to maintain the integrity of Social Security's vital programs.


Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr.
Inspector General



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ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION



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OUR MISSION

The mission of the Social Security Administration's (SSA) Office of the Inspector General is to improve SSA programs and operations and protect them against fraud, waste, and abuse by conducting independent and objective audits, investigations, and evaluations.

OUR VISION AND VALUES

We are agents of positive change striving for continuous improvement in SSA programs and operations and management by proactively seeking new ways to prevent and deter fraud, waste and abuse.

We are committed to integrity and to achieving excellence by supporting an environment that encourages employee development and retention, and fosters diversity and innovation, while providing a valuable public service.

OFFICE OF AUDIT (OA)

OA conducts and supervises comprehensive financial and performance audits of SSA's programs and operations and makes recommendations to ensure that program objectives are achieved effectively and efficiently. OA also conducts short-term management and program evaluations, and other projects on issues of concern to SSA, the Congress, and the general public.

OFFICE OF COUNSEL TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL (OCIG)

OCIG provides independent legal advice and counsel to the Inspector General on a wide range of issues, including statutes, regulations, legislation, and policy directives. OCIG also administers the Civil Monetary Penalty program, investigative procedures and techniques.

OFFICE OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS (OER)

OER manages OIG's external and public affairs programs and serves as the primary contact with Congress, the media, and the public. OER prepares OIG publications and presentations, and coordinates reporting requirements and interagency activities.

OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS (OI)

OI conducts and coordinates investigative activity related to fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in SSA programs and operations. This office serves as OIG's liaison to the Department of Justice on all matters relating to the investigation of SSA programs and personnel. OI also conducts joint investigations with other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies.

OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (OTRM)

OTRM provides administrative and management support to the Inspector General and OIG components. OTRM formulates and executes the OIG budget and is responsible for strategic planning and performance reporting, and facility and property management. OTRM develops and maintains OIG's administrative and management policy and procedures, and performs all human resource support activities for OIG. OTRM also plans, designs, develops, tests, implements, and maintains hardware, software, and telecommunications networks to support OIG's mission.