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**PEER REVIEW FINDS NEW ORLEANS OIG FULLY COMPLIANT WITH
NATIONAL STANDARDS**

The New Orleans Office of Inspector General is pleased to announce that a peer review conducted by the Association of Inspectors General (AIG) has found our office fully compliant with national standards for Offices of Inspectors General.

The New Orleans OIG is subject to peer review every three years by the AIG, a national organization that standardizes practices, policies, and ethics, and establishes professional qualifications and certifications, and licensing for Offices of Inspectors General. The AIG Peer Review Team visited the New Orleans OIG July 21-23 to perform an independent, qualitative review of the operations of the OIG's Audit & Review (AD), Investigation (ID), and Inspections & Evaluations (I&E) Divisions. The review assesses the OIG's compliance with AIG and U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) standards, including the AIG's *Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspector General* (the "Green Book"), and the GAO's *Government Auditing Standards* (the "Yellow Book").

The Peer Review encompassed OIG operations, resulting work products, and related file materials chosen from closed audits and investigations, and completed inspections and evaluations, between January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023 for all three Divisions. The Peer Review's scope also included the Divisions' compliance with their relevant policy and process manuals and procedural guides, staff qualifications, and professional training requirements.

AIG Peer Reviewers examined selected case files and interviewed OIG staff from the three Divisions. All interviews were conducted in confidence and without any limitation on scope or time.

Lastly, the Peer Review assessed supervisory review and quality control over the work product, reporting of results, and the OIG's relationship and communications with outside agencies. For this last step, Peer Reviewers interviewed external stakeholders with whom the OIG frequently works, or who are the recipients of OIG work products. Peer Reviewers independently interviewed stakeholders, including representatives of the following:

- U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Louisiana
- Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors
- Louisiana Legislative Auditor
- New Orleans Police Department
- New Orleans City Council

In its opinion letter, the Peer Review Team wrote, “it is the unanimous conclusion of the Peer Review Team that AD, ID, and I&E met all current and relevant AIG and GAO standards for the review period.”

Inspector General Ed Michel stated:

“The OIG is pleased with the findings of the AIG Peer Review Team and appreciates the Peer Reviewers’ diligence in examining our work and speaking with our staff. The New Orleans OIG is comprised of subject matter experts who take pride in our mission to identify and mitigate fraud, waste, and abuse. Last year, the OIG identified more than \$27 million in Potential Economic Loss Prevented (PELP) while producing 16 reports, evaluations, audits, investigations, and letters. The OIG also provided relevant information which resulted in the federal indictment of three City officials while two additional City employees were indicted in Orleans Criminal District Court. We will continue to fulfill our mission to ensure City resources are used efficiently and effectively while holding public officials accountable when they use their public office for personal gain. In the interest of accountability and transparency, we will continue to ensure our work is performed in accordance with national standards.”

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