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January 2, 2014

Honorable Toni Preckwinkle
President, Board of Commissioners of Cook County
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Re: Association of Inspectors General and OIIG

Dear President Preckwinkle:

This letter is written to apprise you of my recent election to serve as President of the Illinois Chapter of the Association of Inspectors General (AIG) effective January 1, 2014 and to request your support for the amendment of the Office of the Independent Inspector General (OIIG) enabling ordinance to permit peer review by the AIG.

The AIG is an organization of government investigative and audit professionals that was formed to establish a development network to provide professional training, encourage policy research and analysis and to promote the adoption of ethical standards in the conduct of government operations and to support Inspector General (IG) agencies. My tenure as President will afford the OIIG an opportunity to further establish this office in the IG community. I have attached several pages of the AIG web page for further information.

One of the important functions of the AIG on the national level is to support IG offices by conducting formal peer review. Peer review involves the assembly of a peer review team to conduct an on-site independent, qualitative review of IG operations in conformity with the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency and the "Green Book" standards of the AIG. I have been in contact with the peer review team leader of the national AIG to request peer review of the OIIG. The OIIG has developed significantly since the OIIG began in October 2008 and I believe that it is ready for its first such independent review.

In order for a peer review team to effectively conduct its review of the OIIG, I believe that the OIIG enabling ordinance requires an amendment to permit the peer review team to access information maintained by the OIIG that would otherwise be considered confidential. To

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this end, we respectfully request your support of the following proposed amendment to the OIIG enabling ordinance:

Sec. 2-284 Functions, authority and powers.

(14) The Independent Inspector General is authorized to subject the OIIG to a peer review process conducted by the Association of Inspectors General every four years and shall receive the peer review report and make it available to the President and Members of the Board of Commissioners and to the public for review. [New]

Thank you for your consideration to this issue. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this or any other matter.

Very truly yours,

Patrick M. Blanchard
Independent Inspector General
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Encl.

cc: Ms. Kimberly Foxx, Chief of Staff, Office of the President
Ms. Tasha Cruzat, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the President
Ms. Laura Lechowicz Felicione, Counsel to the President

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Announcements

The Illinois Chapter of the Association of Inspectors General is an organization of governmental Investigative professionals and Audit professionals formed to provide a development network to:

• Provide continuing professional training and education to Inspectors General, Inspectors General Investigators, Inspectors General Auditors, and their staffs;
• Promote the adoption of ethical procedures in the conduct of government business, as well as sound Inspector General agency policies and standardized best practices;
• Encourage policy research and analysis; and,
• Engage in the exchange of ideas and information

The Association of Inspectors General, Illinois Chapter, consists of Inspectors General and professional staff who are responsible for promoting ethical conduct in government operations, providing oversight of agencies under their jurisdictions, and conducting fair, thorough, independent investigations of alleged misconduct.

The Illinois Chapter is affiliated with the National Association of Inspectors General. The Illinois Chapter shares its goal of fostering and promoting public accountability and integrity in prevention, investigation, audit, detection, elimination and prosecution of waste, fraud, and abuse. To these ends,

the Illinois Chapter supports policy research and analysis; standardization of practices, policies, conduct, and ethics; encouragement of professional development; and the establishment of professional qualifications, certifications, and licensing.

Training seminars are presented by the Association of Inspectors General, Illinois Chapter, three to four times per year or as scheduled and are aimed at increasing member effectiveness, fostering critical thinking, and providing examples of the best practices in the field of internal governmental investigation.

Benefits

Membership in the Association of Inspectors General, Illinois Chapter embraces a number of member benefits at an affordable price to include:

- Pre-registration to all Association of Inspectors General, Illinois Chapter, Institute for Education and Training Seminars
- Access to training materials, training agendas and speaker bios
- Access to training schedules so you can save the date!
- Networking with cutting-edge professionals
- Sharing of ideas, best practices and industry insider tips

Education and Training

Education and Training is one of the primary missions of the Illinois Chapter of the Association of Inspectors General. The Illinois Chapter provides training seminars several times per year. Training is provided at little to no cost for our members, and a minimal cost to non-members.

The Illinois Chapter is sponsored by the national Association of Inspectors General.
The Association of Inspectors General is a registered CPE, Continuing Professional Eduacation, Sponsor.

Check upcoming training dates on our interactive calender and Save the Date!

For questions, comments or training suggestions contact:
Daniel Haxton This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it , Training Coordinator
Illinois Chapter Association of Inspectors General

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- IG: Chicago Housing Authority
- IG: Chicago Transit Authority
- IG: City Colleges of Chicago
- IG: City of Chicago
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- IG: Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
- IG: Illinois Department of Human Services
- IG: Illinois Secretary of State
- IG: Illinois State Toll Highway Authority
- IG: Office of the Clerk of the Cook County Circuit Court

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