

**REPORT ON THE QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT REVIEW
OF THE INVESTIGATIVE OPERATIONS OF THE
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THE
ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL**



Conducted in Washington, D.C.

By the

**Office of Inspector General
Federal Election Commission**

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Report on the External Qualitative Assessment Review

June 8, 2023

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Subject: *Report on the Qualitative Assessment Review of the Investigative Operations of the Office of Inspector General for the Architect of the Capitol*

Dear IG Failla:

We have reviewed the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative operations of the Office of Inspector General for the Architect of the Capitol (AOC OIG) in effect for the period ended January 31, 2023. Our review was conducted in conformity with the Quality Standards for Investigations and the Qualitative Assessment Review Guidelines established by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE).

We reviewed compliance with the AOC OIG system of internal policies and procedures to the extent we considered appropriate. The review was conducted at the headquarters office in Washington, DC. Additionally, we sampled 21 case files for investigations closed during the previous 12-month period.

In performing our review, we also considered the prerequisites of the 2019 Legislative Branch Inspector General Independence Act. Section 1603 of the Act authorizes law enforcement powers for eligible personnel of AOC OIG. Those powers may be exercised only for activities authorized by the Act, other statutes, or as expressly authorized by the Attorney General.

In our opinion, the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative function of the AOC OIG in effect between October 1, 2021 to January 31, 2023, is in compliance with the quality standards established by the CIGIE and the other applicable guidelines and statutes cited above. These safeguards and procedures provide reasonable assurance of conforming with professional standards in the planning, execution, and reporting of its investigations.

Sincerely,



Christopher Skinner
Inspector General

Attachment A: List of Closed Investigative Files Reviewed

<u>Case File Number</u>	<u>Case Closing Date</u>
2020-0012-INVI-P	May 9, 2022
2020-0013-INVI-P	August 29, 2022
2021-0004-INVI-P	April 28, 2022
2021-0006-INVI-P	February 1, 2022
2021-0007-INVI-P	May 11, 2022
2021-0013-INVI-P	February 10, 2022
2021-0014-INVI-P	April 28, 2022
2021-0016-INVI-P	September 27, 2022
2021-0017-INVI-P	June 16, 2022
2021-0018-INVI-P	December 13, 2022
2021-0019-INVI-P	September 27, 2022
2022-0001-INVI-P	July 14, 2022
2022-0002-INVI-P	October 25, 2022
2022-0003-INVI-P	August 29, 2022
2022-0004-INVI-P	August 15, 2022
2022-0005-INVI-P	December 20, 2022
2022-0008-INVI-P	July 19, 2022
2022-0009-INVI-P	June 28, 2022
2022-0011-INVI-P	December 1, 2022
2022-0013-INVI-P	October 6, 2022
2022-0015-INVI-P	October 18, 2022

Attachment B: Inspector General Response



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June 5, 2023

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Dear Inspector General Skinner,

We have reviewed your Draft Report of our most recent investigative Quality Assessment Review (QAR) and concur with the content and completeness of the report in its entirety. We greatly value your opinion that the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) Office of Inspector General (OIG) Office of Investigations is compliant with the quality standards established by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE).

This was our first investigative QAR since receiving statutory law enforcement authority in 2019. As our mission continues to grow and evolve, I appreciate your team's interaction with my investigative staff and appreciate knowing that we are on the right path forward, as well as the informal suggestions provided to ensure we are following CIGIE best practices. This guidance will provide invaluable benefits to our office for many years to come.

Please thank Senior Investigator Hung Huynh and the rest of your QAR team for a job exceptionally well done. Their level of professionalism and thoroughness serves as a reflection for your entire office. We also recognize the time sacrifices entailed in conducting a quality QAR. This process was effective, timely, and exceptionally beneficial for all of us, and we could not be more pleased with the planning, execution and reporting of this QAR.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Assistant Inspector General for Investigations Patrick McCurry at 202.593.1942 or patrick.mccurry@ao.gov if you have any questions or require any additional information regarding this process. I look forward to working with you and your office in the future.

Sincerely,

Christopher P. Failla
Inspector General