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**Offices of Inspector General Report Past Accomplishments
and Look to the Future**

The Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) today issued the Inspector General (IG) community's annual report, *A Progress Report to the President, Fiscal Year 2008*. The report summarizes the most significant activities and accomplishments of the Federal IG community during the last fiscal year. In addition, the report highlights the impact of the IG Reform Act of 2008, signed on October 14, 2008. This legislation further validates IG independence, enhances IG operations, and has combined two former IG councils, the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency and the Executive Council on Integrity and Efficiency, into the CIGIE.

In fiscal year 2008, the Inspectors General identified \$18.6 billion in dollar savings as well as program efficiencies and enhancements from a range of audits, investigations, evaluations, and inspections. The IG community was responsible for successful investigations of individuals and entities who threatened government integrity and the public trust. Cumulatively, these efforts resulted in: \$14.2 billion in potential savings from audit recommendations; \$4.4 billion in potential savings from investigative recoveries and receivables; over 6,600 indictments and criminal informations; nearly 6,900 successful prosecutions; about 5,000 suspensions or debarments; and nearly 338,000 hotline complaints processed.

A Progress Report to the President, Fiscal Year 2008 discusses the IG community's activities from multiple perspectives. The report looks back and highlights key accomplishments of Federal Offices of Inspector General during fiscal year 2008 as they worked to ensure the economy, efficiency, effectiveness, and integrity of government programs and prevent fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement. In addition, the report captures some defining moments in the community's 30-year evolution and outlines key provisions of the IG Reform Act. The report also shows how the IGs have begun to implement the Act and operate as one Council with new responsibilities and challenges.

The CIGIE was created by the IG Reform Act of 2008 to address integrity, economy, and effectiveness issues that transcend individual agencies; and increase the professionalism and effectiveness of personnel by developing policies, standards, and approaches to aid in the establishment of a well-trained and highly skilled workforce.

For access to this report and a more detailed look at the Inspector General community, visit www.ignet.gov. For further information, contact Mark Jones, Acting Executive Director, CIGIE, at (202) 720-8001, or mark.jones@oig.usda.gov.