Section 1

Guidelines for Office of Inspector General Quality Control and Assurance Programs

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Guide for Conducting External Peer Reviews of the Audit Organizations of Federal Offices of Inspector General

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What I'll Talk About Today

➢ **Purpose of Section 1**

➢ **System of Quality Control**

➢ **Peer Review Responsibilities**

➢ **Questions**

Purpose

➢ **Guidance so audit organization has reasonable assurance of complying with professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements:**
- ✓**GAGAS**
- ✓**SAS/SSAE**
- ✓**OMB/GAO guidance**
- ✓**OIG-related statutes**
- ✓**Other laws and regulations**

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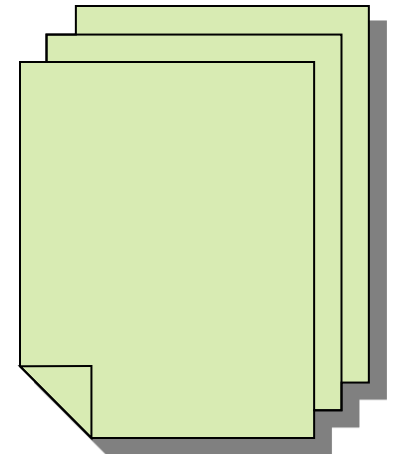
What's in a QA System?

➢ **Leadership**

➢ **High-quality work**

➢ **Policies, procedures, and monitoring**

QA System Structure

➢ **Different and depends on**
- ✓ **OIG's size**
- ✓ **Number of offices**
- ✓ **Geographic dispersion**
- ✓ **Personnel knowledge and experience**
- ✓ **Nature and complexity of work**
- ✓ **Cost-benefit considerations**

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Why Have a QA System?

- ➢ **2011 GAS 3.82**
- ➢ **Ensure:**
  - ✓ **Objective, timely, and comprehensive appraisal of operations**
  - ✓ **Professional care with all reviews**

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QA System Characteristics

- ➢ **Leadership responsibilities for quality in audit organization**
- ➢ **Independence, legal, and ethical requirements**
- ➢ **Initiation, acceptance, and continuation of engagements**
- ➢ **Human Resources - people have adequate skills, education, experience, and knowledge**
- ➢ **Engagements performance, documentation, and reporting**
- ➢ **Quality monitoring**

Quality Monitoring

➢ **Evaluate audit/attestations for:**

- ✓ **Adherence to professional standards and legal requirements**

- ✓ **Adequacy of the design of policies and procedures**

- ✓ **Staff compliance with quality control policies and procedures**

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Quality Monitoring

➢ **Report annually:**

   ✓ **Results of monitoring**

   ✓ **Identify systemic issues for improvements**

   ✓ **Provide corrective actions**
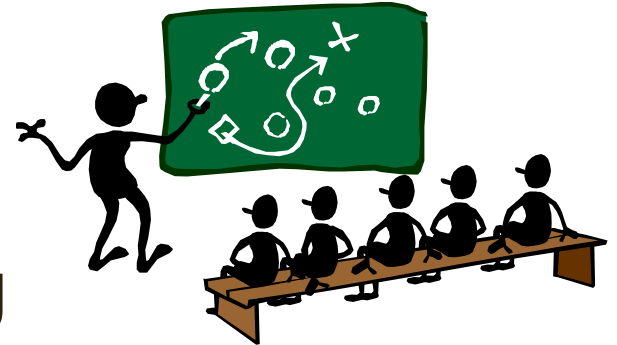
External Peer Review Team

Team Captain should:

➢ **Have sufficient expertise and authority**

➢ **Document proper supervision**

➢ **Report to appropriate individual or level**

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External Peer Review Team

> ## Team should
> - ✓ **Conduct risk assessment**
> - ✓ **Give no advance notice**
> - ✓ **Conduct sufficient testing**
> - ✓ **Ensure positive and constructive process**
> - ✓ **Obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence**
> - ✓ **Determine compliance with standards, regulations, and policies and procedures**
> - ✓ **Prepare written results**
> - ✓ **Make recommendations and obtain written comments**

External Peer Review

➢ **Reviewed OIG should:**

- ✓ **Provide documentation**
- ✓ **Ensure positive and constructive process**
- ✓ **Provide written comments**
- ✓ **Implement appropriate corrective actions**

Questions

For questions or comments on the revised guide, contact APRG@oig.treas.gov.

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