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**The Inspector General Community Reports Its FY 2005 Most
Significant Activities and Accomplishments**

Today, the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE) and the Executive Council on Integrity and Efficiency (ECIE) issued "*A Progress Report to the President for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005.*" This document reports on the activities of the Federal Inspectors General (IG) community. The 2005 annual report highlights the significant IG community accomplishments ranging from assisting Federal agencies in coping with natural disasters; protecting the nation against terrorism; ensuring that Federal programs are operated in an efficient and effective manner; and, holding program managers accountable in spending taxpayer provided funds.

"*A Progress Report to the President*" summarizes the work of more than 11,600 IG employees across the Federal Government. Through their dedicated efforts, the IG community identified significant opportunities for operational efficiencies, cost savings, and preventing fraud in Government programs. During FY 2005, the community: identified potential savings of nearly \$20 billion; was instrumental in nearly 7,700 successful prosecutions, 9,000 suspensions or debarments of businesses and persons for inappropriate activities with the Government; and, was responsible for over 3,350 civil or personnel actions.

Of special significance, in August 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast with Category 3 winds and heavy rain. Within a week of the hurricane, the IG community was on the ground helping citizens and businesses in the Gulf Coast region. We initially responded with over 300 IG special agents volunteering to assist in protecting the citizens devastated by the storms. The IG community undertook on an unprecedented scale, a collaborative effort to ensure that Federal funds were properly spent and to deter fraud, waste, and abuse. The results of these are described in this report.

Greg Friedman, the PCIE Vice Chair, and Barry Snyder, the ECIE Vice Chair, stated that "the 11,600 people of the PCIE and ECIE remain committed to addressing future challenges facing the Federal Government and to continuing our record of service to the people of this Nation." For access to the 2005 Annual Report, visit <http://www.ignet.gov/randp1.html>.

The PCIE, created in 1981, and ECIE, created in 1992, were established to coordinate and enhance governmental efforts to promote integrity and efficiency and to detect and prevent fraud, waste, and abuse in Federal programs. For a more in-depth look into the Inspector General community, visit <http://www.ignet.gov>.

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