

U.S. Department of Energy Office of Inspector General Fraud Awareness Briefing

Background

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Inspector General (OIG) is responsible for preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse in DOE programs and operations. This is accomplished by conducting audits, inspections and criminal investigations. The OIG's oversight responsibilities will increase dramatically with the passage of the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*.



Case Types

- Contract Fraud
- Grant Fraud
- Bid Rigging/Collusion
- False Claims
- False Statements
- Defective Pricing
- Computer Crimes
- Product Substitution and Counterfeit Parts
- Conflicts of Interest
- Bribery/Kickbacks
- Environmental Crimes
- Mail and Wire Fraud
- Theft of Government Property
- Employee Criminal Misconduct (e.g., purchase card misuse)

Actual Fraud Schemes Investigated by the OIG

- Falsification of information in grant applications and bid proposals.
- Unallowable or unauthorized purchases (e.g., use of DOE funds for personal luxury items).
- Submission of a work product that had been funded previously by another agency (e.g., grant research report).
- Billing DOE for expenses related to another Federal agency or other customers.
- Misallocation of costs among DOE projects.
- Mischarging for expenses not incurred or work not performed (i.e., phantom charges).
- Misrepresentation of project status and progress in order to continue receiving funds.
- Falsification of test results or other data.
- Disposal of hazardous waste in violation of Federal regulations.
- Influencing an award to a family member or friend.

How to Report

Suspected or alleged fraud, waste or abuse can be reported to the DOE OIG in-person at a local office, or via the DOE OIG Hotline. Hotline options include: phone (800-541-1625 or 202-586-4073); fax (202-586-4902); and e-mail: ighotline@hq.doe.gov. The DOE OIG website is: www.ig.energy.gov.

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