



# Office of Inspector General Fraud Awareness Orientation









### **Fraud Awareness Orientation**

- Office of Inspector General
- What is Fraud
- Types of Fraud
- OIG Investigative Priorities
- Fraud Schemes
- How to Report
- Questions and Answers







## **Office of Inspector General**



Mission: To enhance the confidence in the program by promoting the economy and effectiveness of the AbilityOne Program and operations; hence, protecting them against fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement.

- Independent office with Statutory Oversight Responsibility for the AbilityOne Program operations and functions.
- Conducts audit activities to evaluate efficiency and effectiveness of the AbilityOne Program's operations and functions.
- Conducts investigative activities in response to allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement of the AbilityOne Program operations.
- Provides semi-annual reports and top management challenges report to Agency Head and Congress.
- As requested, testify before Congress and/or prepare special reports.







### What is Fraud



- Legal Definition:
  - Intentional deceitful practice or willful device, with intent to deprive another of his right, or in some manner to do injury. <u>Does not have to result in monetary loss.</u>
- Layman's Definition:
  - Lying, cheating and/or stealing. Misrepresenting information on required official forms.











- Two Types
  - Civil Fraud
  - Criminal Fraud

Both contain the same legal elements

- Misrepresentation is Material
- Knowledge of the misrepresentation
- Misrepresentation was purposeful and with intent to fool the victim
- Victim relied upon the misrepresentation and suffered damage as a result







#### **Investigative Priorities**







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### **Fraud Schemes**



- Embezzlement
- Bribery
- False Claims
- Kickbacks
- Extortion

- False Statement
- Obstruction of Federal Audit
- Destruction of Records
- Obstruction of Justice







## **Reporting Fraud/Suspected Fraud**



- Why Report Fraud?
  - Ethical responsibility
  - To deter others from committing fraud and abuse
  - To protect the integrity of the government program
  - To avoid being part of the fraudulent/criminal activities
  - To reduce financial exposure for your organization under the False Claims Act
- Who is responsible for Reporting Fraud?
  - Everyone who deals with the AbilityOne Program has a responsibility to help and report fraud











#### OIG has responsibility for the AbilityOne Complaint (Hotline) Program

- Report suspected fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement
- Confidential
- Anonymous reporting options
- Protected against reprisal or unauthorized disclosure of identity
- Live Hotline Center (Telephone, Internet or email)
  - Toll-Free Hotline: (844) 496-1536
  - Hotline Internet/link: <u>http://www.oig.abilityone.ethicspoint.com</u>
  - Email: hotline@oig.abilityone.gov







#### **Questions and Answers**





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