



Office of Inspector General

National Industries for the Blind (NIB)

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OIG Overview

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) is an Independent office within the AbilityOne Commission created by Congress pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended

- Audits and Investigations
- Review Legislation & Regulations
- Provide leadership and coordination, and recommend policies for activities designed to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness, and to detect and prevent waste, fraud, and abuse.
- Reporting: Keep the Chairperson and Congress fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the Commission and its Program



OIG Office of Audits

- Conducts audits of Commission operations, programs, and functions in accordance with applicable professional standards established by the Comptroller General of the United States (GAO) and CIGIE
- Conducts audits and reviews of internal Commission operations and programs, including Congressionally and Statutory mandated focus areas
- OIG issues Audit reports with its findings and recommendations for corrective action to address any deficiencies or other issues identified
- OIG publishes its work in the OIG website www.AbilityOne.Oversight.gov



OIG Office of Audits

- OIG developed and issued a 2-year Audit Plan for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2022 of the Commission's programs and operations (Released June 2021)
- The OIG audit activity is designed on risk-based factors surrounding the AbilityOne Program functions, operations, major activities, and program priorities and challenges.
- Conducts strategic planning, including development and execution of statutory mandates



Recently Completed OIG Audits

- CNA Selection of NPAs for Project Assignment and Allocation of Orders
- Procurement List Addition Process, Procedures, and Practices
- Financial Statement Audit
- Digital Accountability and Transparency (DATA) Act
- Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA)
- Government Purchase Card Risk Assessment



OIG Office of Investigations

- Conducts investigations into fraud, waste, abuse, and other criminal and civil violations of law involving Commission, CNAs, NPAs, contractors, and subcontractors.
- Operates the OIG Hotline: opportunity for the public to report suspected fraud, waste, abuse, and other criminal activity involving Commission programs, funding, or operations.
- Coordinates with the U.S. Department of Justice as well as State and local entities.
- Provides outreach to stakeholders on how to identify and report fraud on the program
- Recommends corrective actions to address Program vulnerabilities



OIG Office of Investigations

An AbilityOne Contractor Pays \$600K to Resolve Federal False Claims Act Allegations

[Press release](#) by the Department of Justice - October 13, 2021

To resolve allegations under the False Claims Act, the NPA has agreed to pay the federal government \$600,000 and enter into a heightened compliance agreement, with which it has already started to comply.



898 Panel Highlights

- The AbilityOne Inspector General is a statutory member of the 898 Panel.
- IG Subcommittee has completed both its 898 Panel recommendations.
 - Training and Continuous Updates.
- The 898 Panel's Final Report is completed.
- Recommendations that will continue after sunset of the 898 Panel.
- Key continuation items:
 1. Outreach
 2. Training
 3. Compliance
 4. PLIMS
 5. ABOR Program
 6. Section 508 Compliance
 7. Veterans Employment
 8. Wages and 14(c)



OIG FY22 Objectives

- Continued commitment to foster the integrity, economy, and efficiencies through the prevention and identification of fraud, waste, and abuse.
- Alignment of OIG goals in support of the Commission's mission and strategic plan, including through audits and evaluations.
- Increased communication with key stakeholders
 - Congress, Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Commission Members, Commission staff, CNAs, NPAs, Program Participants, and fellow federal agencies



OIG FY22 Projections

- Based on resources, the OIG will expand its workforce of investigators and auditors in support of the OIG's oversight mission.
- Leverage the operations of the OIG's Knowledge-Based Center.
- Continued involvement in joint investigations with Federal law enforcement partner agencies.



Virtual NPA Visit

Chicago Lighthouse

Based on information provided by the NPA:



Founded in 1906 on Chicago's West Side, the Chicago Lighthouse has been a pioneer in innovation across the areas of vision care, rehabilitation, education, employment, and technology for over 100 years.

Dr. Janet Szlyk - President and CEO



OIG Reports

- SAR issued on May 31, 2022 for period covering October 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022

Theme: Looking Forward

- Previous SAR issued covered April 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021

Theme: Resilience and Continuity

Office of Inspector General



Semiannual Report to Congress

October 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022

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