



### Presentation by

# Acting IG Porter and Acting Deputy IG Burke

NIB – State of the Program November 16, 2021





#### **OIG Leadership**

Stefania Pozzi Porter
Inspector General (Acting)

Steven Burke

Deputy Inspector General (Acting)





#### Roadmap

- Top Management Challenges Report
- Recently Completed and Started Audits
- Two-Year Audit Plan
- Completed investigation and press release
- 898 Panel Continuity in 2021
- Semiannual Report to Congress







### **Top Management Challenges Report**

- An important role that an Inspector General (IG) plays is the identification each year of the most significant management and performance challenges facing a government agency, and the agency's progress in addressing these challenges.
- The last Top Management Challenges Report (TMC), issued in November 2020, identified 8 challenges facing the Commission:
  - Top Management and Performance Challenges Report | Oversight.gov
- The next 2021 TMC Report will be issued in November, in the next days, adding one challenge and 2 watch items Stay tuned!







#### **OIG** Audits

- OIG developed and issued a 2-year Audit Plan for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 of the Commission's programs and operations.
- The OIG audit coverage is designed on risk-based factors surrounding the AbilityOne Program functions, operations, major activities, and program priorities and challenges.
- An audit is an independent and objective review, assessing whether resources are allocated efficiently, funds spent properly, Commission goals are achieved, and applicable laws, policies, and regulations are followed.







#### **Recently Issued OIG Audits**

The audits are public and published on the OIG web page: https://abilityone.oversight.gov/reports

- CNA Selection of NPAs for Project Assignment and Allocation of Orders (March 2021)
- Procurement List Addition Process, Procedures, and Practices (August 2021)







### **Ongoing OIG Audits**

- Financial Statement Audit in its final days
- AbilityOne Compliance Program
- Quality of Products in Support of Meeting Government Requirements
- DATA Act Compliance







## OIG Audit of the AbilityOne Compliance Program

- This audit will determine whether the Compliance Program has been implemented effectively to provide reasonable assurance of NPA and CNA compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies.
- To answer our objective, we will:
  - Review laws, regulations, policies, and procedures applicable to the Compliance Program.
  - Conduct interviews with key personnel.
  - Analyze data, reports, and other supporting documentation related to compliance reviews.







#### **New 2-year Audit Plan**

 New biennial audit plan issued in June 2021 for Fiscal Years 2022–2023

- It's a map of the audits the OIG plans over the next 2 years:
  - OIG utilized a comprehensive risk-based methodology to inform audit planning and future engagements.
  - We do it in a planned fashion.







#### **Completed Investigation and Press Release**

OIG investigation of NPA CW Resources

<u>Press release</u> by the Department of Justice Settlement agreement

To resolve allegations under the False Claims Act, CW Resources has agreed to pay the federal government \$600,000

and enter into a compliance agreement.







#### **Completed Investigation and Press Release**

Quote by the Acting Inspector General – AbilityOne OIG

"This settlement represents the government's commitment to hold any AbilityOne contractor accountable for noncompliance and ensure that federal dollars intended to employ workers who are blind or have significant disabilities are indeed used for that purpose" said Acting Inspector General Stefania Porter of the U.S. AbilityOne Commission.

"Working with the United States Attorney's Office and our investigative and law enforcement partners, the AbilityOne Office of Inspector General protects the integrity and public trust in the largest employment program in the nation of blind and significantly disabled workers."





#### 898 Panel Continuity in 2021

- The AbilityOne Inspector General (IG) is a statutory member of the 898 Panel.
- We led the IG Subcommittee in collaboration with the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) and completed the IG recommendations. We recommended:
  - Training for procurement officers about AbilityOne contracts
  - Continuous updating of the training





## OIG - Semiannual Report to Congress (SAR)

#### Previous SAR issued:

 SAR issued in May 2021 covered October 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021 Theme: Pivotal Stage

 SAR issued November 2020 covered April 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020
 Theme: The Future: Tell Your Own Story

Upcoming SAR covering April 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021

Theme: Resilience and Continuity

#### Office of Inspector General



April 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020 U.S. AbilityOne Commission Office of Inspector General







#### **OIG** Website

 AbilityOne Office of Inspector General https://abilityone.oversight.gov

• TO SUBMIT A COMPLAINT to OIG: Please submit complaints using our Portal

https://abilityone.oversight.gov

• You may also submit a complaint via our:

Hotline Toll-Free Number: 1-844-496-1536, or

Email: hotline@oig.abilityone.gov







### Thank you

The OIG Team



