The Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community Sponsors Intelligence Community Procurement Audit Summit

(June 2019) The Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community (ICIG) sponsored an Intelligence Community Procurement Audit Summit hosted by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Office of Inspector General (OIG) to provide insight on emerging issues and promote discussion on strategies to improve procurement audit approaches. Auditors from ICIG, CIA, Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), and National Security Agency (NSA) attended the Summit.

The Summit's keynote speaker was the Assistant Deputy Director of National Intelligence (ADDNI) for Acquisition who shared insights on the IC's Major Systems Acquisitions. The ADDNI for Acquisition discussed using the IC Acquisition Model, defining capability requirements, and producing robust independent cost estimates. Information on the IC Acquisition Score Card and Metric History for cost, schedule, and performance of Major Systems Acquisitions were also shared. The Summit also included a panel of senior procurement officials from the CIA, NGA, and NRO who shared their agencies' challenges in managing procurements in an environment of advancing technologies, achieving quicker turnaround in procurement processes, and focusing on hiring, developing, and retaining contracting officers. In addition, OIG Investigators from CIA, NRO, and the Department of Homeland Security each presented procurement fraud cases and discussed how auditors can look for indicators of procurement fraud and handle situations that may involve criminal activity. The presenters emphasized the importance of soft skills in eliciting information and the use of data analytics to proactively identify procurement fraud indicators.

The Summit provided opportunities for auditors to discuss challenges in conducting procurement audits and share ideas on approaches and best practices with their IC colleagues. A list of ongoing and planned procurement audits was projected during breaks to facilitate discussion and aid in furthering the development of working relationships and cross-community collaboration.

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