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## October 2017 Launch of Oversight.gov

In partnership with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), the Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Inspector General (OIG) is announcing the launch of <u>Oversight.gov</u>. This new website creates a single home for thousands of Inspector General (IG) reports from across the federal government. The Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Inspector General is a participant in Oversight.gov and already has over 100 reports published on the website.

Each year, IGs identify billions of dollars in potential taxpayer savings, conduct investigations that promote government accountability, and make thousands of recommendations to improve government operations. Visitors to Oversight.gov will see that, for the third consecutive year, the IG community identified over \$20 billion in potential savings of federal tax dollars as part of their comprehensive efforts to eliminate waste in federal programs.

Oversight.gov provides a "one stop shop" for the public to follow the ongoing oversight work of the more than 60 participating IGs. It also enables users to access more than 5,500 previously-issued IG reports. Inspectors General will continue to post these reports to their individual websites – the DOE OIG reports are also posted at <u>Energy.gov</u>. But with the launch of Oversight.gov, users can now sort, search, and filter the site's database of public reports across agencies to find oversight areas of interest.

The site provides easy on-line access to the IG community's efforts to address the most serious challenges facing the country. For example, the term "cyber security" currently appears in 249 reports; "disaster recovery" in 280; "terrorism" in 239; and "whistleblowers" in 665. In addition, the site features a user-friendly map to find reports based on geographic location and contact information for each IG's whistleblower hotline.

"Oversight.gov can be used by everyone – the public, congressional staff, government employees, the press – to help understand and continue to combat fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in federal programs across the country," said Acting Inspector General April Stephenson

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