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Office of Inspector General Department of Defense Receives OSC Certification

As of New Year's Eve, the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Defense was the first DoD component and the first Office of Inspector General to be certified as "meet[ing] the statutory obligation to inform [our] workforces about the rights and remedies available to them under the Whistleblower Protection Act (WPA), and related civil service laws." See Office of Special Counsel "Outreach" website (<http://www.osc.gov/outreach.htm>). This achievement is only fitting in light of the unique whistleblower protection and encouragement duties of the DoD OIG under Section 7, and the DoD Inspector General's role under Section 8, of the Inspector General Act as "principal adviser to the Secretary of Defense for matters relating to the prevention and detection of fraud, waste, and abuse in the programs and operations of the Department."

On the occasion of this major milestone, the Inspector General issued an all-hands e-mail personally and publicly thanking all those who made this achievement possible, including but not limited to Bobbi Key, Paula Lelansky-Little, Francine Edwards, Pearl Morris, Mike Peterson, Bruce Pederson, Jean Lewis, and LCDR Gregg Bauer.