

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:
201820

Resolution:
☐ Yes ☒ No

TITLE:

Office of Inspector General's Annual Plan 2017

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) Annual Plan 2017 sets the audit and evaluation priorities based on risk for the calendar year. The Annual Plan is presented to the Audits and Investigations Committee for acceptance.

PURPOSE:

The Audits and Investigations Committee to accept the Annual Plan 2017 submitted by OIG.

DESCRIPTION:

Key Highlights:

- OIG's Annual Plan 2017 is based on a high-level, judgmental Audit Risk Assessment.
- The Annual Plan is tied to WMATA's mission and strategic goals.

Background and History:

Board Resolution 2006-18 established the Office of Inspector General to supervise and conduct independent and objective audits, evaluations, investigations, and other activities of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) programs and operations to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness, as well as to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse in such programs and operations. In accordance to the Inspector General's (IG) position description, an annual plan is prepared by the IG for review and acceptance by the Board of Directors or its designee.

Discussion:

The Annual Plan outlines the work OIG proposes to conduct/perform in its two components--Audit Services and Investigation Services--during the calendar year. One key purpose of the Annual Plan is to set the audit and evaluation priorities, based on an audit risk assessment of WMATA's programs, operations, and activities. A risk factor is an observable or measurable

indicator of conditions or events that could adversely affect an organization. It can identify inherent risk, such as a complicated or large organizational structure or an organizational vulnerability, such as inadequate internal controls.

The Annual Plan 2017 contains 17 jobs—4 carryovers from 2016 and 13 new jobs. These jobs cover a wide range of subject areas, such as Contracting Officer Technical Representatives, Payroll Operations, Tunnel Inspection Program, Asset Management, Security over Public Accessible Web Applications and Cybersecurity over Rail Industrial Control Systems. All 17 jobs are tied to one or more of WMATA's strategic goals.

In addition to audits and evaluations, Audit Services performs contract pricing attestations, pre-awards, and Buy America Act requirement engagements; oversees the external audits on the financial statement/Single Audit; and follows up on status of implementing outstanding OIG recommendations identified in previous audits and evaluations.

OIG's Investigation Services manages the OIG Hotline and investigates allegations of fraud, waste, abuse and other wrongdoing affecting WMATA operations, including investigations of whistleblower retaliation complaints.

FUNDING IMPACT:

The funding of the annual plan is included in the Board-approved budget.	
Project Manager:	Stephen Dingbaum, Assistant Inspector General for Audits
Project Department/Office:	Office of Inspector General

TIMELINE:

Anticipated actions after presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implementation of audits, evaluations investigations and other components of OIG's Annual Plan 2017.
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RECOMMENDATION:

Audits and Investigations Committee accept the Annual Plan 2017.