

# OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL NEWSLETTER



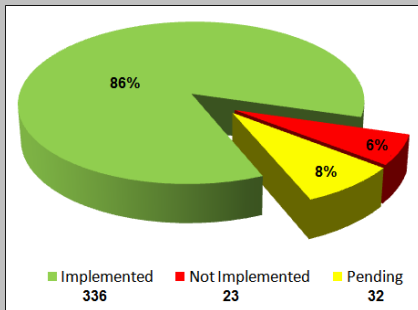
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## OIG Dashboard

06/28/2010-12/31/2014

Total Recommendations/Corrective  
Actions  
**391**



Total Hotline/Office Calls  
**6,209**

Questioned Costs  
**\$12,043,797**

Identified Costs  
**\$1,783,230**

Avoidable Costs  
**\$8,154,352**

The Dashboard is a snapshot of some OIG workload and results indicators, updated quarterly.

## From the Inspector General

Greetings from your Inspector General! This brief Newsletter is intended to update you on some of our key activities and other IG related issues.

**IG Lawsuit:** On March 12, Circuit Judge Catherine Brunson ruled in favor of the County in the 2011 lawsuit filed by 14 cities claiming that it was illegal for them to be charged for OIG oversight despite voters approving the ballot issue (72% overall approval and the majority of every municipality). Judge Brunson decided that the County requiring cities to help pay for the OIG is a voter-supported fee and “does not impose an unlawful tax.” The Judge stated, “The people are the municipalities and the officials who represent the people may not undermine the electorate process because they disagree with the vote of the people.” The cities have since filed a motion for rehearing with the Court.

**Accreditation:** On February 25, 2015, the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) re-accredited the OIG. CFA assessors found the OIG to be 100% in compliance with the applicable standards set by CFA.

**National Ethics Awareness Month:** During this month the OIG worked closely with the Commission on Ethics and the County’s Center for Applied Ethics on various initiatives to promote the importance of integrity in and out of government. I had the privilege to serve as a judge at our County Annual High School Ethics Bowls.

**Other Outreach:** During the last six months, in addition to my several news media interviews, I have personally spoken to over 1,200 citizens. Much of our outreach is within government. This is an important part of our efforts to promote best practices in government and to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

John

John A. Carey  
Inspector General

## Upcoming Events

*IG’s Six Month Status Report to the IG Committee - Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 9:00 am; held at the Governmental Center, 6<sup>th</sup> floor Commission Chambers, 301 N. Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach and can be watched on PBC Channel 20.*

## Recent Reports

- ❖ 01-21-15 – Riviera Beach – Cash Disbursement Controls Audit
- ❖ 01-13-15 – Riviera Beach – Professional Services Agreements – Marina Grants Project Manager
- ❖ 12-23-14 – CSC – Info Management Security Program Audit

## Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report

The Annual Report for fiscal year 2014 is available on our website along with all Audits, Investigations, and Contract Oversight Reports.



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