

SIX MONTH STATUS REPORT

April 1, 2017 - September 30, 2017

John A. Carey, Inspector General

OUTLINE



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- > INTRODUCTION OF LEADERSHIP TEAM
- > OIG ACTIVITIES (April 1, 2017 September 30, 2017)
- > BUDGET, STAFFING, & PERSONNEL
- > PLANS, OBJECTIVES, & INITIATIVES
- > SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

OIG MISSION



- Our mission is to provide independent and objective insight, oversight, and foresight in promoting integrity, efficiency, and overall effectiveness in government.
- Ultimately, enhancing public trust in government.

OUR OIG APPROACH



Oversight

Holding government accountable for resources and performance

Insight

Helping good people do things better

Promoting efficiency and effectiveness

Foresight

Looking ahead

Preventing fraud, waste, and abuse



Introduction of the OIG Team

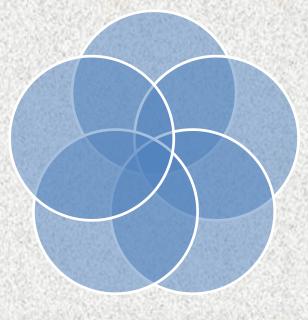
THE OIG LEADERSHIP TEAM



John Carey

Stuart Robinson

> Megan Gaillard



Kalinthia Dillard

Karen Mayer

INSPECTOR GENERAL OIG PERSONNEL



OIG Professional Certifications and Licenses

- Certified Inspector General
- Certified IG Auditor
- Certified IG Investigator
- Certified Fraud Examiner
- Certified Internal Auditor
- Certified Government
 Financial Manager
- Certified Public Accountant

- Certified Government Auditing Professional
- Certification in Risk Management
 Assurance
- Certified Public Procurement Buyer
- Certified Computer Forensic Examiner
- Senior Professional in Human Resources
- Member of the Florida Bar





















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Office of Inspector General Activities Related to:

- Intake & Investigations
- Contract Oversight
- > Audit
- > Training & Outreach



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Intake and Investigations

Highlights



Intake Activities

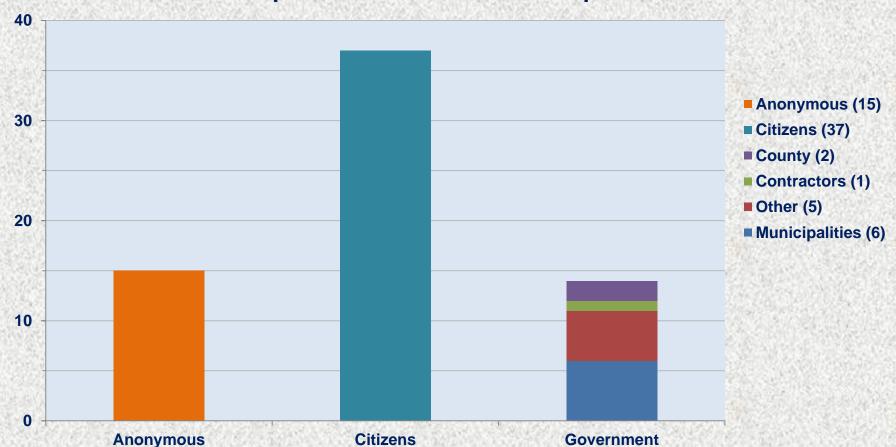
Current 6 Months				
312	Number of calls to the Office & Hotline			
104	Written Correspondences received of which:			
	63% were complaints of wrongdoing			
4	Correspondences led to the initiation of 2 Investigations and 2 were referred to OIG Contract Oversight			
9	Public Records Requests			

Previous 6 Months			
279	Number of calls to the Office & Hotline		
89	Written Correspondences received of which:		
	61% were complaints of wrongdoing		
7	Correspondences led to the initiation of 4 investigations and 3 were referred to OIG Contract Oversight		
17	Public Records Requests		



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Complaint Reporting Sources – 66 Complaints from the 104 Correspondences





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Investigative Activities	Current 6 Months	Previous 6 Months	
On-going Investigations or Investigative Reviews	13	11	
Cases Initiated by OIG – referred to PCU for Criminal Prosecution	0	1	
Issued Reports	2	1	
Recommendations Made/Accepted	9/0	5/5	
Questioned Costs and Potential Cost Savings	\$130,774	\$32,180	



Investigative Review #2015-0009 Riviera Beach City Council Vehicle Use

FINDINGS:

- Some current and former Council Members who received a \$500-\$750/month car allowance also utilized City-owned vehicles in violation of City policy.
- The City does not verify whether Council Members possess the required motor vehicle insurance coverage on their personal vehicles when used for City business.
- The City does not adhere to the requirement in its motor vehicle policy that drivers of City-owned vehicles complete a defensive driving course.
- The City does not annually verify that all drivers of City-owned vehicles possess a current valid Florida Driver's License.





We made nine recommendations. The City has yet to respond to our report.



Investigative Related Report Correspondence Number 2017-06-0008

• FINDINGS:

 The City of Delray Beach entered into an inter-local agreement on July 2, 2007, with Palm Beach County in the amount of \$134,000 to assume maintenance responsibility for a certain portion of Barwick Road.

The agreement stipulated the road was to be resurfaced within 5 years
of receipt of the monies at a cost of \$125,000 and would include a
traffic separator to be constructed at the south end of the road for an
estimated cost of \$9,000.

- The City acknowledged the monies received from the County were not used pursuant to the terms of the inter-local agreement.
- The City acknowledged that only \$3,225.68 was spent on the project; \$130,774.32 was not used on the maintenance of Barwick Road.

Identified Costs = \$130,774.32



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Contract Oversight

Highlights



Contract Oversight

PREVENTION: To reduce the appearance of, and opportunity for, vendor favoritism and inspire public confidence that contracts are being awarded equitably and economically.

- Current Number of Contracts Monitored: 155
- Current Contract Value Monitored: \$310.8M
- Number of Procurement Meetings Attended: 113



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Contract	
Oversight	

Current 6	
Months	

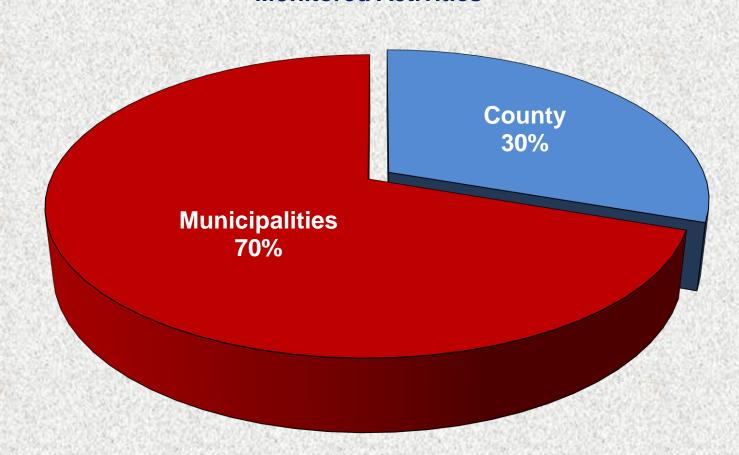
Previous 6 Months

Issued Reports	2	2
Recommendations Made	3	3
Recommendations Accepted	0	3
Questioned Costs and Potential Cost Savings	\$6,437	\$595,000



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Contract Oversight Division Monitored Activities





Contract Oversight Report CA-2017-0049
Loxahatchee Groves Solid Waste Assessment Program Study & Report

FINDINGS:

1. The Town did not provide adequate documentation to support that proposals were evaluated in accordance with the criteria outlined in the Request for Proposal (RFP).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- The Town should evaluate proposals in accordance with evaluation criteria specified within the RFP.
- The Town Manager should properly document the evaluation to evidence that the proposals were reviewed and evaluated in accordance with the criteria and weight given to each criteria.
- The Town should consider having selection committees of more than one person in order to better document the award recommendation.

Management has not responded to our recommendations.



Questioned Costs = \$6,437



Contract Oversight Report CA-2017-0119
Office of Small Business Assistance Disparity Study

ALLEGATIONS:

Complaint that the County's award of a Request For Proposal (RFP) was unfair and improper:

- It allowed one proposer to offer more services in its proposal than other proposers.
- The contract award paid for additional services not requested.
- The County did not allow the other proposers to submit new/revised proposals for the additional services.



OUTCOME: ALLEGATIONS NOT SUPPORTED

The County followed its policies and procedures relating to this procurement process; therefore, no recommendations were made.



OIG Insights: One-Penny Sales Surtax CA-2017-0043

OVERVIEW:

Published a guide for the citizens and leaders of Palm Beach County and Municipalities that:

- Provides an overview of the Surtax Ordinance from January 1, 2017 through May 31, 2017,
- Describes surtax project outreach efforts, revenue distributions, and identifies important websites,
- Includes 179-pages of detailed information, charts, and graphs on intended Surtax projects by jurisdiction, and
- Lists information about County, municipal, and the League of Cities Surtax Oversight Committees.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA



OIG INSIGHTS:
ONE-PENNY SALES SURTAX
Palm Beach County and Municipalities

July 31, 2017 CA-2017-0043



OIG Insights: One-Penny Sales Surtax CA-2017-0043

OIG OVERSIGHT/INSIGHT/FORESIGHT:

OIG is guarding taxpayer surtax dollars by:

- Maintaining vigilance over infrastructure project bids, contract awards, and expenditures for compliance with applicable laws and ordinances.
- Observing Surtax Oversight Committee meetings.
- Reviewing monthly revenue distributions to the County and 39 Municipalities.
- Periodically reporting the results of OIG activities to the public.
- Providing general guidance and sharing best practices.





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Audit

Highlights



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Audit
Activities

Current 6	
Months	

Previous 6 Months

Issued Reports	1	2
Recommendations Made	13	17
Recommendations Accepted	13	17
Questioned Costs and Potential Cost Savings	\$10,730,999	\$0



Audit Report 2017-A-0003 – Palm Beach County Palm Tran Connection Fuel Reimbursement Process

<u>FINDINGS</u>: We found minor control weaknesses related to Palm Tran Connection fuel reimbursement process; and made thirteen recommendations.

We identified issues in the following areas:



- Review and approval process of contractor invoices
- Reimbursement process for fuel expenses; and
- Alternative fuel credits filing.

Questioned Costs \$10,721,698

Identified & Recovered Costs \$9,301

<u>Corrective Actions</u>: Management concurred with all 13 recommendations, and as of September 25, 2017, has taken steps to implement 10 of them. Palm Tran has now:

- > Developed and implemented detailed written procedures, checklists, and reconciliation processes for invoice review and approval prior to authorizing payment
- >Acquired legal/tax advice for potential fuel credits
- >Obtained reimbursement of \$9,300.99 from the contractor



Audit Report 2018-AP-0001
Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Risk Assessment and Audit Plan

MULTIPLE ENTITIES - GLOBAL AREA APPROACH:

This approach highlights the areas where the OIG will focus audit efforts. With a global approach, the audit plan:

- Avoids duplication with other Internal Audit Functions,
- Provides more flexibility for emerging risks,
- Allows for smaller more focused audits, and
- Engages more municipalities/auditable units that have not previously been audited.





Audit Report 2018-AP-0001
Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Risk Assessment and Audit Plan

Carryover Audits:

- Utilities City of Lake Worth
- Utilities Town of Manalapan
- Contracts & Vendors Palm Beach County Facilities

Planned Audit Activities:

- Capital Assets
- Grants
- Revenue / Cash Intake
- Purchasing Cards
- Infrastructure Surtax
- Contracts
- Travel Reimbursements
- Accounts Payable and Expenditures





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Training

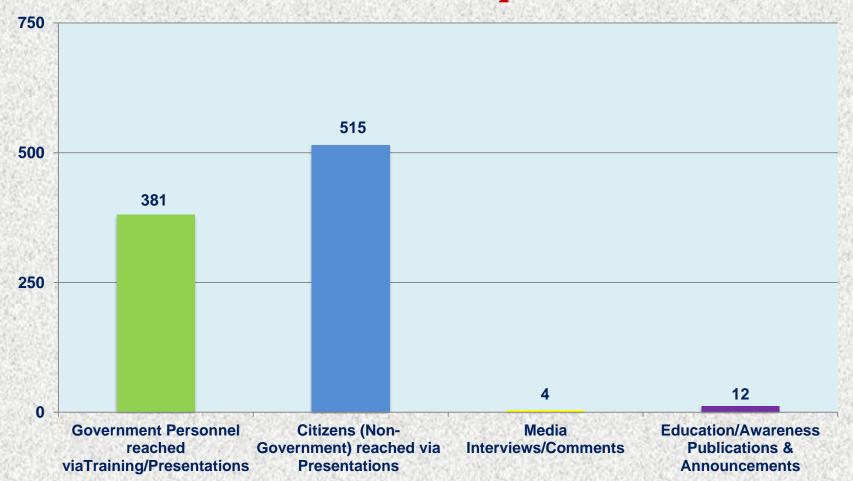
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Outreach

TRAINING AND OUTREACH



An ounce of outreach is worth a pound of enforcement.



TRAINING AND OUTREACH



Education/Awareness Publications, Announcements, & Activities

PB County Internal Auditors/Inspectors
General Forum



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL PALM BEACH COUNTY

TIPS AND TRENDS #2017-0003
AUGUST 2017



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Decisions, decisions, decisions: RFP or ITB?

LESSONS LEARNED

The stories you are about to hear are true.

The names have been changed to protect the innocent.



Request for Proposal (RFP)



Invitation to Bid (ITB)







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Budget, Staffing,

and

Personnel

INSPECTOR GENERAL BUDGET & STAFFING



OIG Budget & Staffing

- Annual Budget: \$3.0M (FY17)
 \$3.1M (FY18)
- Total Structure: 40
- Current Funded Positions: 23
- Current On-Hand Personnel: 21

\$1.75/
taxpayer/
year for
OIG



\$2.70
= average
cup of
coffee

Compare with OIG Oversight Responsibilities

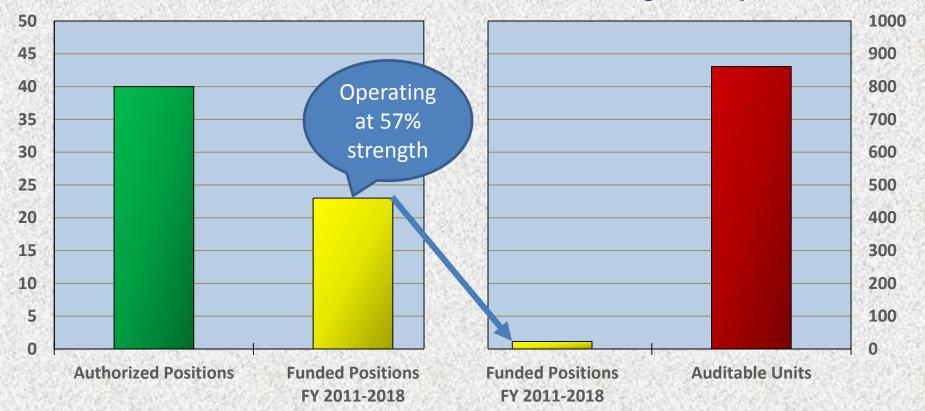
- County, Cities, SWA, and CSC Employees: 13,500 (+)
- Combined Budgets: \$8 Billion
- \$ Billions in government contracting activity
- "Auditable Units" identified: 861

INSPECTOR GENERAL BUDGET & STAFFING





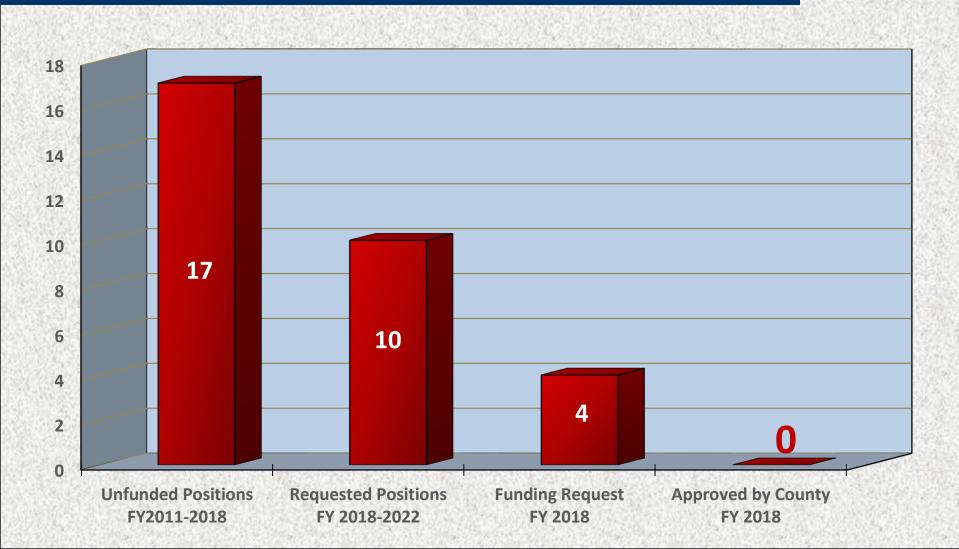
VS Compare OIG Funded Positions with Oversight Responsibilities



INSPECTOR GENERAL BUDGET & STAFFING



OIG Staffing Request for Unfunded Positions





FISCAL YEAR 2017 SUMMARY & HIGHLIGHTS

FY 2017 – A YEAR OF TRANSITION AND GROWTH



Personnel lows and highs:

- Audit staff dropped to three (3), but ended with seven (7) of our eight (8) positions filled.
- Turnover of the three (3) division heads; all new division heads are extremely qualified.
- General Counsel promoted to Deputy IG/General Counsel.





FY 2017 Data Only

Guarding Taxpayers' Dollars

\$11.3 M (+) Questioned Costs incurred pursuant to a potential violation of law, regulation, or policy; lack of adequate documentation; or, where the intended purpose is unnecessary or unreasonable.

\$178 K(+) **Potential Cost Savings** in dollars being returned to offset the taxpayers' burden or in the future if the OIG's recommendations are implemented.

Promoting Integrity in Government

15

Referrals to law enforcement or to the County or State Commissions on Ethics.

FY 2017 - ACCOMPLISHMENTS



FY 2017 Data Only

Making Government Better



10 Reports with 50 Recommendations

To improve government operations and to save taxpayer dollars.



784

Responses to citizens' calls and written correspondence voicing concerns, complaints, or requests for assistance.

OUTPUT: At the End of the Day, "Enhancing Public Trust in Government."



Plans, Objectives,

and Initiatives

PLANS, OBJECTIVES, AND INITIATIVES



OIG Vision Statement:

To promote positive change throughout local governments and public organizations in Palm Beach County with an inspired and skilled team that strives for continuous improvement.



PLANS, OBJECTIVES, AND INITIATIVES



Focusing OIG limited resources:

- > Audit:
 - Execute Audit Plan. Currently nine (9) audits in progress/three (3) surveys underway.
 - Implementing cloud-based automated audit management software.
- Investigations:
 - Investigate highest risk/impact cases.
 - Closer coordination with local, state, and federal investigators.
- Contract Oversight:
 - Continued focus on outreach and prevention.
- Outreach: Continued rigorous training and outreach program.



SUMMARY OF MAJOR

ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE



June 28, 2010 – September 30, 2017

Guarding Taxpayers' Dollars

\$35 M (+) Questioned Costs incurred pursuant to a potential violation of law, regulation, or policy; lack of adequate documentation; or, where the intended purpose is unnecessary or unreasonable.

\$22M (+) **Potential Cost Savings** in dollars being returned to offset the taxpayers' burden or in the future if the OIG's recommendations are implemented.

Promoting Integrity in Government

125

Referrals to law enforcement or to the County or State Commissions on Ethics.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE



June 28, 2010 – September 30, 2017

Making Government Better



631
Recommendations

To improve government operations and to save taxpayer dollars.



10,000 (+)

Responses to citizens' calls and written correspondence voicing concerns, complaints, or requests for assistance.

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