

Office of Inspector General – 2011 Mid-Year Budget

I. Background:

- The Office of Inspector General was established by ordinance on June 16, 2011.
- The Office of Inspector General investigates fraud, corruption, waste, abuse, misfeasance, malfeasance and nonfeasance without interference.
- The Inspector General can also investigate County contracts.
- The Inspector General is the County's chief ethics officer and is charged with investigating and enforcing the County Ethics Ordinance, which was passed on April 8, 2011 and amended April 26, 2011.
- Pursuant to the Board of Control, Contracting and Purchasing Ordinance adopted April 26, 2011, the Inspector General can audit, investigate, inspect and review operations, activities and performance of the contracting and procurement process of Cuyahoga County.

II. Since February 2011:

- Collaborated with the Cuyahoga County Sheriff, Employment and Family Services and Human Resources Department to conduct investigations.
- Reviewed numerous complaints from agency directors and deputy directors.
- Reviewed approximately 70 email complaints.
- Fielded telephone calls and conducted numerous meetings with tax payers/constituents
- The Office of Inspector General sponsored the first in a 4 part series of mandatory ethics training in collaboration with the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio
- Attended fraud conference sponsored by the State Auditor
- Attended the National Association of Inspectors General Annual Conference
- Since April 2011 (pertaining solely to the Ethics Ordinance)
 - Created secondary disclosure form
 - Responded to 40 secondary disclosure requests
 - Received 15 financial disclosure forms
 - Received rulings on conflict of interest inquiries
 - Created Whistleblower Hotline
 - Investigated alleged ethical violations

III. Budget – \$375,000 pursuant to ordinance – see attached budget

- Hired paralegal
- Currently interviewing for 2 investigators
- By year end, hope to have deputy, executive assistant, 2 investigators, 1 CPA/forensic accountant and paralegal

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July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011

<u>Estimated Expenses:</u>	
Salaries & Benefits	\$331,565.00
Legal Research	\$5,000.00
Training	\$10,000.00
Vehicles	\$9,000.00
Transcripts & Court Docs	\$5,000.00
Postage	\$1,000.00
Print Shop	\$3,000.00
TOTAL	\$364,565.00

*Salaries & Benefits are inclusive of
Exec Assistant, Paralegal,
2 Investigators, 1 CPA/Forensic
Accountant, a Deputy and Inspector
General.

*Per Section 2(f) of the Ordinance,
controlled, other operating charge
backs,
Capital Outlay, office supplies and
communications are not included in
this
budget.