



State of South Carolina
Office of the Inspector General

Memorandum

Date: January 6, 2016

To: Honorable Nikki R. Haley, Governor
Honorable Hugh K. Leatherman, Senate Pro Tempore
Honorable James H. "Jay" Lucas, Speaker of the House of Representatives
Honorable Richard Eckstrom, Comptroller General
Honorable Curtis M. Loftis, State Treasurer

From: State Inspector General Patrick J. Maley

Re: The State Inspector General's Observations of the Executive Branch

Enclosed with this memo is a document titled, "The State Inspector General's (SIG) Observations of the Executive Branch (EB) of State Government."

After three years of looking "under the hood" in the EB starting with a staff of two investigators/auditors and increasing to five for the past two years, the SIG has a sufficient body of work and experience to discuss fraud, waste, and abuse in the EB. The enclosed document sets forth the SIG's observations of the EB's positive attributes and opportunities to improve.

The enclosed document contains State-wide issues that may be relevant to Executive and Legislative oversight for both consideration and context in carrying out their leadership roles over the complex EB of State Government. The enclosed document is a high level summary, which also contains an Internet link to a second more expansive document for those interested in a deeper level of detail. I would gladly provide, if interested, personal briefings using agency specific examples and investigative results to clarify and support the SIG's observations. For your information, SIG waste/effectiveness investigations and lessons learned are contained on its webpage (oig.sc.gov).

Thanks in advance for taking the time to review this data, which hopefully will stimulate discussion and potential ways forward to improve State Government. Again, I welcome the opportunity to meet with anyone or group with an interest in further dialogue about the SIG's observations of the EB.

cc: Chairman W. Brian White, House Ways & Means Committee
Chairman Wm. Weston J. Newton, House Oversight Committee