



Office of Inspector General 2008 Annual Report Released

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) today released its 2008 Annual Report. The report summarizes important investigations and audits conducted in Fiscal Year 2007-2008. The report underscores the successes of the OIG noting that since 1998, the OIG has identified over \$123 million dollars in questionable costs, losses, damages, and lost revenues and has achieved almost \$69 million dollars in future savings, prevented losses and restitution. In this past fiscal year alone, the OIG identified almost \$33 million dollars in questionable costs, losses and lost revenues and achieved over \$15 million dollars in future savings, prevented losses and restitution. The report also notes that since its inception, OIG investigations have resulted in the arrests of 184 individuals and the indictment of eleven companies.

The OIG is designated as a “criminal justice agency” by the FBI. It was established by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) as an independent, autonomous agency empowered to investigate fraud, waste, mismanagement and abuse in County affairs. The OIG has oversight over all County departments, agencies, and boards, including all County officials and employees, and vendors doing business with the County. In 2008, the OIG also assumed the role of Inspector General for the Miami-Dade Public School District, the fourth largest in the country.

The Inspector General’s Office has been mandated to root out abuse and systemic corruption in Miami-Dade County. Inspector General Chris Mazzella, in commenting on the release of the Annual Report, emphasized that his office will continue to strive to achieve this end by promoting the highest levels of accountability and transparency in government.

To report abuse, fraud or corruption, call the Inspector General’s hotline at 305-579-2593, or visit the OIG’s website at www.miamidadeig.org. The OIG will protect the identity of callers to the full extent of the law. Our website offers additional information about the OIG. The 2008 Annual Report is also published on our website.