

Montgomery Office of the Inspector General Forming OIG Advisory Group

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ROCKVILLE, Md., February 7, 2012—Montgomery County’s Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is seeking applicants to serve on the initial OIG Advisory Group. Those interested in serving on the group, which will have five to seven members, should submit applications by Thursday, March 15.

The objective of the OIG Advisory Group is to assist the OIG in developing annual plans for executing and reporting on audits and investigations; determining position and skill needs of the office; and assessing its budgetary needs.

The OIG is seeking a diverse group to serve on the advisory panel. It is hoped the members will offer expertise in financial management and reporting; operations and controls; information technology; performance measurement; and public policy and administration. Applications should demonstrate a candidate’s qualifications in one or more of these categories.

“The group will provide objective and independent commentary to the OIG,” said Edward Blansitt III, the County’s inspector general. “The group will meet infrequently, yet have a major impact on our areas and scope of reviews in the future. We see this resident involvement as beneficial and critical to the continued good governance of Montgomery County.”

In 1997, the County Council passed legislation to create the Office of the Inspector General to serve as a watchdog to detect and prevent fraud, waste, and abuse in County government operations. In carrying out the mission, the inspector general team produces a number of confidential and public documents which include the inspector general work plan, results of audits and investigations and periodic status reports to the County Council.

The group will meet at least twice per year, likely in the OIG offices in Rockville. The initial group meeting will be held in the evening at a time and date to be determined by the OIG, but the time and dates of subsequent meetings will be decided by the group based on the availability of the members. Group members will serve one-year terms, with the understanding that no member’s term will extend beyond the current inspector general’s tenure.

Group members will not be compensated, will not be required to file County financial disclosure statements and will receive no reimbursement of expenses. The OIG will, however, provide office support.

Applicants should email an expression of interest and an attachment, no longer than three pages in total, providing qualifications and professional history. The information should be

emailed to IG@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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