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Recent News

The OEIG recently made changes to its website. The website includes ethics-related reference materials, and copies of publicly disclosed investigative reports among other useful information.

In other news, the OEIG is pleased to announce that **Eugene “Scott” Mose** has been promoted to a supervising investigator position in the Chicago investigative division, and Investigator **Elizabeth Whelan** has moved to the regional transit board investigative division.

OEIG Confidentiality & Related Agency Action



Without an individual’s consent or other authorization to do otherwise, the Ethics Act requires our office to keep confidential and not disclose the identity of any individual providing information or reporting alleged misconduct. Our office must also keep confidential the existence of an investigation. The Ethics Act’s confidentiality provisions, however, do not limit disclosure of the same information by others. Likewise, the referral of matters to our office (including the production of documents) does not shield the information from disclosure by the referring party to others.

Furthermore, referral of any matter to our office does not obviate the responsibilities imposed upon agency heads to perform their statutory duties and responsibilities. If a matter is referred to our office, we may, among other things:

- open a formal investigation;
- refer the matter back to the agency for an internal investigation; or
- refer the matter to a third party (such as the Office of Attorney General or a State’s Attorney’s Office).

Regardless of which course of action we undertake, we will generally not ask an agency to *refrain from taking action* the agency deems appropriate. We will also generally *not ask* the agency to cease any action the agency might have initiated. If we believe agency action might interfere with our investigation, we will inform the agency in writing to either not take action or cease further action—such a request will be the exception rather than the rule.

Finally, in light of confidentiality provisions, we will not publicly comment on matters that may be under investigation, even if a third party discloses the existence of one of our investigations.

Fallon Opperman

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OEIG Now Accepts Online Employment Applications

The OEIG recently updated its website to enable job seekers to complete employment applications online as an alternative to delivery by hand or mail. This new option will:

- eliminate or minimize applicants’ postage or transportation costs;
- reduce OEIG costs for handling, copying, evaluating, and storing applications; and
- speed the OEIG’s employment decision making process.

Current employment opportunities may be found under the “Employment” drop-down menu on the OEIG’s website. This menu also provides access to the new online application, as well as printable forms.

Our website also contains other useful information and we encourage people to visit the site.

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Calendar of Events: August 27, 2013: Exec. Asst. Caty Bautista, Sr. Paralegal Sherry Bult, and Admin. Asst. Danielle Dugger will attend Personal Productivity training in Chicago, IL; September 17-27, 2013: Investigator Maria Ortega will attend Essentials of Inspector General Investigations training in Glynco, GA; and September 26, 2013: OEIG staff will participate in the U of I-Springfield Foot in the Door (job) Fair in Springfield, IL.