



Inspector General Nomination

On June 1, 2026, President Trump [nominated](#) Carl Anderson to be the Inspector General (IG) for the U.S. Department of State (Department). Mr. Anderson currently serves as Deputy Legal Adviser in the Department’s Office of the Legal Adviser.

Engagement With UN Oversight Bodies



Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Investigations Jason Loeffler and Acting IG Arne Baker at UN headquarters.

On May 19, Acting IG Baker and members of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) senior team traveled to New York for productive discussions with UN oversight counterparts. OIG met with leadership of the Office of Audit and Investigations at the United Nations Development Programme; the Office of Internal Audit and Investigations at the United Nations Children’s Fund; the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs; and the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services. We engaged in productive discussions focused on deepening coordination and improving oversight and investigative exchange, while underscoring OIG’s expectations for accountability and protection of U.S. contributions. OIG highlighted the best practices outlined in our *Information Brief: Best Practices for Oversight of International Organizations (OIG-26-03)*, which we released at the beginning of May. Finally,

RECOMMENDATIONS STATUS*

as of May 31, 2026

988**

Open
Recommendations

47***

Recommendations
Closed During May

View Recommendations

*OIG delivers monthly SBU/classified recommendation reports to congressional committees of jurisdiction.

**Includes 49 recommendations associated with USIBWC.

***Includes 13 recommendations closed on OIG’s classified network.

Reports

Ongoing Work

OIG leadership met with Ambassador Bartos at the U.S. Mission to the UN to reaffirm our shared focus on transparency and accountability for U.S. contributions to the UN and discuss steps we are taking to deliver needed oversight.

Budget Testimony

Acting IG Arne Baker provided [written testimony](#) to accompany Secretary of State Marco Rubio’s testimony on June 3 before the Senate Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs. Mr. Baker’s testimony highlighted OIG’s mission and key work, outlined its strategic priorities, and offered insight into how OIG is adapting to meet emerging challenges.

Operation Epic Fury Oversight

On June 3 the IGs from the U.S. Department of War (DoW), U.S. Department of State, and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) [announced](#) the commencement of legally mandated, whole-of-government oversight coordination for Operation Epic Fury (OEF), the designated mission to dismantle the Iranian regime’s security apparatus and eliminate imminent threats to the United States and its allies. DoW IG Platte B. Moring will serve as the Lead IG, with Acting IG for the State Department Arne Baker serving as Associate Lead IG. The first quarterly Lead IG report for OEF will be issued this fall.

Making a Difference

In the September 2024 *Management Assistance Report: Warrant and Training Programs Needed for Personnel Responsible for Transportation-Related Acquisitions* (AUD-FM-24-30), OIG reported that although the Department relies heavily on tenders of service to acquire shipping and storage services under its Post Assignment Travel program, the Department had not established the warrant and training programs recommended for Transportation Officers (TOs) and key personnel by the Federal Management Regulation (FMR). The audit found that General Services Officers and locally employed (LE) staff who execute transportation-related acquisitions often lacked sufficient training and formal authorization, increasing the risk of inadequate management of tenders and inconsistent oversight of transportation service providers. These deficiencies stemmed from the absence of a formal TO warrant program, limited tender-specific training within existing acquisition curricula, inconsistent availability of transportation courses, and difficulty tracking training compliance for LE staff. OIG issued two recommendations: (1) to develop and implement a warrant program for TOs and (2) to establish a structured training program outlining baseline and recurring education requirements. In response, the Bureau of Administration ultimately implemented both programs, issuing the Transportation Warrant Program via cable 26 STATE 11288 and establishing a comprehensive Transportation Officer Warrant Certification Program with defined training, recertification cycles, and oversight mechanisms. OIG closed both recommendations after reviewing documentation demonstrating full implementation. Collectively, these actions are expected to strengthen the Department's ability to manage transportation-related acquisitions consistently, efficiently, and in alignment with federal requirements, thereby improving oversight, accountability, and the effective use of resources.

Investigative Results

In May 2026, four LE staff members were terminated after an investigation conducted by OIG and the Bureau of Diplomatic Security determined they

participated in a long-running scheme to defraud the Department's health insurance program. The LE staff members knowingly submitted false receipts and received more than \$200,000 over a 20-year period in reimbursements for medical services never rendered.

A defendant was sentenced to 5 years of probation and a \$300 special assessment fee for orchestrating multiple schemes to defraud victims out of \$138,000. An OIG investigation determined the defendant obtained \$39,752.37 after hacking a former LE staff member's email account and redirecting a Voluntary Contribution Plan payment into a personal business account belonging to the defendant. The defendant also obtained \$98,540 by directing a company to send payments for a shipping contract to the defendant's personal business account.

Finally, an employee of the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) was counseled, and 24-hour facility access was removed for nonsupervisory personnel. An OIG investigation determined the employee removed property from the USIBWC office after duty hours without authorization. The investigation further determined that the employee failed to follow established USIBWC requirements governing the removal and disposal of government property, including the mandatory documentation processes.

Notable Open Recommendations

In the *Audit of the Department of State's Program Design Plan Related to the Creating Helpful Incentives To Produce Semiconductors Act of 2022* (AUD-SI-24-20), OIG made three recommendations, one of which remains open. Specifically, OIG recommended that the Deputy Secretary of State designate a formal, Department-level lead and management structure to oversee the implementation of CHIPS Act activities. The Bureau of Budget and Planning is addressing this recommendation, and OIG has requested that the Bureau provide updated status information, documentation, and milestone dates for pending actions. Completing this open recommendation would strengthen program design discipline,

enhance coordination across the Bureau, and ensure that the Department manages CHIPS Act funding consistent with federal expectations for transparency, accountability, and effective stewardship of resources.

New Work Started

To see a list of all current OIG oversight projects, please visit our [Ongoing Work](#) page. The list below includes new work started in May 2026:

- *Audit of Emergency Preparedness at Selected U.S. Missions in East Asia*
- *Audit of the Bureau of Consular Affairs' Coding of Derogatory Information for Interagency Use*
- *Lead Inspector General for Operation Southern Guard Quarterly Report to the United States Congress, April 1-June 30, 2026*
- *Lead Inspector General for Operation Inherent Resolve Quarterly Report to the United States Congress, April 1-June 30, 2026*
- *Lead Inspector General for Operation Enduring Sentinel Quarterly Report to the United States Congress, April 1-June 30, 2026*
- *Lead Inspector General for Operation Atlantic Resolve Quarterly Report to the United States Congress, April 1-June 30, 2026*
- *Lead Inspector General for Operation Southern Spear Quarterly Report to the United States Congress, April 1-June 30, 2026*
- *Lead Inspector General for Classified Operation Quarterly Report to the United States Congress, April 1-June 30, 2026*
- *Lead Inspector General for Operation Epic Fury Quarterly Report to the United States Congress, April 1-June 30, 2026*
- *Evaluation of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs' Oversight of Participant Safety Within Secondary Student Exchanges*
- *Inspection of Embassy Quito and Constituent Post, Ecuador*

- *Inspection of Embassy Tashkent, Uzbekistan*
- *Inspection of Embassy The Hague and Constituent Post, Netherlands, and the Organization for the Prevention of Chemical Weapons*
- *Inspection of Embassy Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia*

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE OVERSIGHT WORK

May 2025 to Present

58	Recommendations
13	Completed Projects
25	Ongoing Projects
12	Planned Projects

Work Planning Updates

The planned *Evaluation of the Department of State's New Responsibilities for the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Program*, as described in our [FY 2026 Work Plan](#), was cancelled as a result of OIG receiving other mandated work.

In FY 2027, OIG is planning to perform an "Audit of the Department of State's Government-To-Government Assistance Using Bilateral Global Health Agreements." Details related to this project will be included in the FY 2027 OIG Work Plan.

REPORT RECAP

MONTHLY UPDATE

May 2026

The U.S. Department of State (State), Office of Inspector General (OIG) issued the following reports in May 2026:

 [*Management Assistance Report: Law Enforcement Credentials, Weapons, and Premium Pay for Employees in Non-Law Enforcement Roles \(WISP-26-02\)*](#)

In October 2025, OIG received a whistleblower complaint that the Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS) was not complying with laws and regulations that required special agents to surrender their credentials and weapons and decertify themselves from receiving law enforcement premium pay when they take assignments that do not involve law enforcement duties. OIG substantiated these allegations and found that among special agents assigned to positions that did not involve law enforcement duties, eight special agents had not surrendered government-issued firearms, nine had not surrendered credentials, and two continued to claim law enforcement premium pay. OIG determined that these issues occurred, in part, because DS lacked sufficient accountability mechanisms to ensure compliance with laws and regulations. OIG made three recommendations to ensure compliance with the requirements.

 [*Classified Operation, Lead Inspector General Report to the United States Congress, January 1-March 31, 2026*](#)

This report contains information that is classified and is not available for public viewing.

 [*Operation Southern Guard Lead Inspector General Report to the United States Congress, January 1-March 31, 2026*](#)

This report describes the activities of the U.S. government in support of Operation Southern Guard, specifically U.S. Department of War (DOW) support to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in the processing, detention, housing, and all aspects of illegal alien holding operations at Naval Station Guantánamo Bay, during the period of January 1 to March 31, 2026. In addition, this report discusses the planned, ongoing, and completed oversight work conducted by the OIGs from DOW, State, and DHS, as well as our partner oversight agencies.

 [*Operation Inherent Resolve, Including U.S. Government Activities Related to Iraq and Syria, Lead Inspector General Report to the United States Congress, January 1-March 31, 2026*](#)

This quarterly report describes the activities of the U.S. government in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, as well as the work of DOW, State, and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to promote the U.S. government's policy goals in Iraq and Syria during the quarter. In addition, this report discusses related planned, ongoing, and completed oversight work conducted by the Lead IG agencies and partner oversight agencies during the quarter. A classified appendix accompanies this report.

 [*Operation Enduring Sentinel, Including U.S. Government Activities Related to Afghanistan, Lead Inspector General Report to the United States Congress, January 1-March 31, 2026*](#)

This report submitted by the Lead Inspector General for Operation Enduring Sentinel summarizes the events that took place in Afghanistan from January to March 2026, including the status of terrorist organizations, such as ISIS-Khorasan (ISIS-K), al-Qaeda, and Tehrik-e Taliban Pakistan (TTP), as well as U.S. diplomatic and humanitarian efforts related to Afghanistan. In addition, this report discusses related planned, ongoing, and completed oversight work

conducted by the Lead Inspector General agencies and our partner oversight agencies during the quarter. A classified appendix accompanies this report.



[Operation Atlantic Resolve, Including U.S. Government Activities Related to Ukraine, Special Inspector General Report to the United States Congress, January 1-March 31, 2026](#)

This ninth report submitted by the Special Inspector General for Operation Atlantic Resolve summarizes U.S. government support to Ukraine and the broader response to Russia's full-scale invasion, including support for the Ukrainian Armed Forces and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) partners, as well as U.S. military, diplomatic, and humanitarian activity. In addition, this report discusses related planned, ongoing, and completed oversight work conducted by the OIGs from DOW, State, and USAID, as well as other U.S. oversight agencies that coordinate their activities through the Ukraine Oversight Interagency Working Group. A classified appendix accompanies this report.



[Operation Southern Spear, Lead Inspector General Report to the United States Congress, January 1-March 31, 2026](#)

This is the first Lead Inspector General report on Operation Southern Spear (OSS). In November 2025, DOW initiated OSS as the U.S. mission to disrupt the flow of narcotics from designated terrorist organizations and transnational criminal organizations in the Western Hemisphere. This report describes the activities of the U.S. government in support of OSS and the related planned, ongoing, and completed oversight work conducted by the OIGs from DOW and State, as well as our partner oversight agencies during the quarter. A classified appendix accompanies this report.



[Management Letter Related to the Audit of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, U.S. Section, FY 2025 Financial Statements \(AUD-FM-26-12\)](#)

During the audit of the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission's FY 2025 financial statements, an independent external auditor identified matters involving internal control, which the auditor brought to the agency's attention. These matters related to untimely obligations and processing of personnel actions.