

Inspectors General and Government Corruption

A Guide to Best Practices and
an Assessment of Five Illinois Offices



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INDEPENDENCE

- **Strong professional qualifications**
- **Independent appointing authority**
- **Fixed term, removal only for cause**
- **Full expenditure authority**
- **Budgetary floor**



JURISDICTION

- **Officers, employees, governing boards**
- **Contractors, subcontractors, persons seeking business**



INVESTIGATORY POWERS

- **Receive and investigate complaints, including anonymous**
- **Initiate investigations**
- **Access to premises, equipment, and records**
- **Able to request information from any relevant person or organization**
- **Able to issue and enforce subpoenas through legal counsel of own choosing**



INVESTIGATORY POWERS

- **Duty to cooperate with IG on part of all officers, employees, board members, and those doing business**
- **Duty to report corrupt activity on part of employees, officers, board members**
- **Able to participate in multi-jurisdictional investigations**
- **Law enforcement powers**



ENFORCEMENT POWERS

- **Able to recommend disciplinary action to head of governmental unit, agency and department heads with written response required**
- **Enforcement tribunal or “appeals” process**



PROTECTIONS AND INCENTIVES FOR COMPLAINANTS

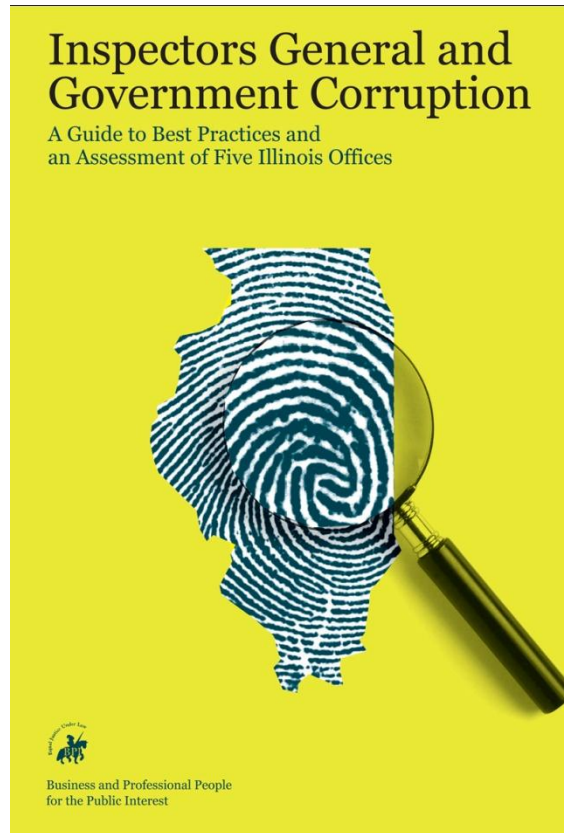
- **Complaints confidential and may be anonymous**
- **Whistleblower protection**
- **Inform complainants of investigation outcomes**



ACCOUNTABILITY

- **Comprehensive and frequent IG reporting to head of governmental unit**
- **Periodic peer review**
- **Strong, substantive public reporting**





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