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Inspector General Announces Third Quarter 2010 Report

On Friday, October 15, the City of Chicago Office of Inspector General (IGO) submitted this year's third quarterly report to Chicago's elected officials and residents.

"This report is more than a window into the IGO's work. It details the IGO's interaction with City government and explains how City departments manage employees and resources," said Inspector General Joseph Ferguson. "This document is meant to provide the public with a clearer, more informed understanding of City government."

In addition to case summaries and statistics, the report includes specific policy recommendations the IGO has proposed to the City, as well as the City's response to those recommendations. For example:

- Following a series of convictions arising from the IGO's efforts in Operation Crooked Code, the IGO observed an increasing incidence of the City continuing to pay the salaries and benefits of City employees found guilty of felonies committed while on the job. The IGO proposed immediate steps to mitigate this phenomenon and offered to work with the City to develop permanent procedural and/or rule changes to appropriately limit these payments.
- In a series of investigations, the IGO found several instances of delegate agency misconduct and fraud. On multiple occasions, the IGO recommended that the Department of Procurement Services (DPS) move to debar delegate agencies which had committed misconduct. DPS, however, maintained that the department only had the authority to debar vendors and individuals who held contracts with the City. The IGO registered its disagreement with how DPS narrowly defined "contracts" to exclude grant agreements, which are typically held by delegate agencies. In part due to IGO efforts, on September 8, 2010, the City Council passed an ordinance specifically granting DPS the authority to debar a wide range of entities that do business with the City, including delegate agencies.

Lastly, this quarter's report also includes a detailed summary of third quarter activities of the newly transferred Hiring Oversight Section, which is charged with monitoring the City's progress in achieving *Shakman* compliance.

The [report](http://www.chicagoinspectorgeneral.org) can be found online at: www.chicagoinspectorgeneral.org

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