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### **OIG Releases 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2013 Report**

The City of Chicago Office of Inspector General (OIG) has transmitted its third quarter report for 2013 to the City Council and City officials. The report provides a summary of OIG activity from July 1 through September 30, 2013 and is available on the OIG website.

City law mandates that the Quarterly Report include certain statistics about the number, type, and duration of OIG investigations. However, to promote further transparency into OIG operations, the Inspector General ensures that the Quarterly Report includes summaries of concluded investigations resulting in disciplinary findings and recommendations.

This quarter brought the start of additional responsibilities and functions for the OIG. As of July 1, 2013 the OIG holds investigative authority for ethics, lobbying, and campaign finance violations concerning executive branch personnel and activities as well as the Legislative Inspector General for legislative branch personnel. These changes are the result of amendments made to the Ethics Ordinance and recommended by the Mayor's Ethics Reform Task Force. We are excited to have a role in invigorating this important enforcement area in the coming months and in 2014

Other highlights from this quarter's report include,

- The OIG released an Advisory finding that the City's process for administering earned vacation payouts lacks ownership and accountability. Because of this the City is consistently late in issuing payouts, with employees of some departments waiting an average of three months for money owed. In response, the Mayor's office stated that it will conduct a review of administrative practices for vacation payouts. It will also require that all departments file the appropriate paperwork for processing a vacation payout request within five business days of an employee's last day.
- An OIG investigation found that a Department of Streets and Sanitation (DSS) supervisory employee issued sanitation citations using photographs taken on days other than the citation dates. The employee resigned in lieu of discharge and has been designated as ineligible for rehire. The Department of Law reported that it will not pursue fines for the false tickets. It will also seek to vacate any outstanding judgments entered on the tickets and, where applicable, mail respondents a refund application.

- A senior official in the Chicago Police Department became the subject of investigation by the Internal Affairs Division (IAD) after making intentionally false and deliberately incomplete material statements to the OIG while under oath. Prior to opening the investigation IAD received a sworn affidavit from an OIG investigator as well as the report and investigative file from the OIG showing that the official had violated the Chicago Municipal Code, CPD Rules and Regulations, and the City’s Personnel Rules. The official resigned under inquiry.
- An OIG investigation found that a not-for-profit organization contracted to administer the City’s Tax Increment Financing Neighborhood Improvement Program (TIF-NIP) erroneously awarded two home improvement grants to two city employees whose income exceeded the limits set by the City. Based on the OIG investigation, the City recovered \$30,000 from the contractor for the improperly conferred program grants.
- The OIG released an Advisory documenting that several Department of Streets and Sanitation (DSS) personnel lacked a basic proficiency in at least one of DSS’s four dispatch systems. In response, Commissioner Charles L. Williams stated that all employees currently occupying the “equipment dispatcher” title would receive an in-depth training and review. In addition, Commissioner Williams stated that all new hires into the equipment dispatcher title would be required to demonstrate “complete system proficiency” prior to the expiration of the 60-day evaluative window allowed by the relevant CBA.

Finally, the OIG announced the publication for public notice and comment a draft Annual Audit Plan for 2014 and amended Rules and Regulations.

The full Report can be found online at the OIG website:

[http://ChicagoInspectorGeneral.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Q3\\_2013\\_Report.pdf](http://ChicagoInspectorGeneral.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Q3_2013_Report.pdf)

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