



Newsletter – December 2011

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Hello, all:

I'm afraid I can't give the usual accolades to our speaker in November. After all, I did the presentation myself. If I told you how great the talk was, people would accuse me of bragging. Actually, we did have lots of discussion about the topic, the new version of the Yellow Book that came out in August.

That gives me a nice segue into discussing our first training event of the fiscal year. I did an eight-hour session on the new Yellow Book on November 16th. I am happy to report that the class was fully subscribed and went well. Because it was as successful as it was, Chuck Hester and I are considering another training day on the Yellow Book in January. If you have an interest in attending such a class, please let Chuck know via e-mail. His e-mail address is CharlesHester@msn.com.

On a separate topic, we have been concerned that attendance has dropped at our regularly scheduled luncheon meetings. We would like to know why you do or why you don't attend. I would appreciate any thoughts you have on this point. In addition, we expect to send out a survey to you all in the near future asking for feedback. We want to make the Chapter and its meetings as beneficial for you as possible.

We don't usually have a meeting in December but this year is an exception. We were advised that the GSA Inspector General, Brian D. Miller, will be in town on the week of December 12th. He has agreed to speak at our luncheon meeting on December 13th, usual time and location. I would like to encourage all of you, particularly those of you in Inspector General offices, to attend the meeting. Inspector General Miller will discuss the role of federal inspectors general, the U.S. Attorney General's Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force, and his outreach efforts to both the public and private sectors about working together to prevent, detect, and prosecute financial fraud. I, for one, am eager to hear his talk. I hope to see many of you at the meeting.

Sefton

Meeting Notice – December 2011

The San Francisco Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will hold its next monthly luncheon meeting on December 13, 2011. At the luncheon, Brian D. Miller, Inspector General of the General Services Administration (GSA), will discuss the role of federal inspectors general, the U.S. Attorney General's Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force, and his outreach efforts to both the public and private sectors about working together to prevent, detect, and prosecute financial fraud.

Brian D. Miller has been the Inspector General of the U.S. General Services Administration since July 22, 2005. As Inspector General, he leads over 300 auditors, special agents, lawyers, and support staff in conducting nationwide audits and investigations. He is also a national leader in the fight against procurement fraud and participates in the U.S. Attorney General's Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force. For those of you who would like to know more about Mr. Miller, I have attached a full bio on the next page.

Our luncheon meetings are a real bargain. Members still pay just \$10 per meeting. For that they receive a sandwich, a soda and a cookie! In addition, they obtain one hour of CPE and chance to network with colleagues. For non-members, the rate is \$15. In both cases, the meeting costs are substantially below any other professional association I'm aware of.

As a bonus for this meeting, if you paid to attend a meeting in September, October or November, you can attend this meeting for free!!! That applies to members and nonmembers.

Place: SF Federal Building, on 7th Street between Market and Mission Streets — Suite 4-400, Fourth Floor Annex

Date: December 13, 2011

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Price: \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members

RSVP: Linda.Gee@CMS.hhs.gov

Please RSVP with Linda by December 9, 2011 so that we can order a lunch for you.

Important!

If you register for the meeting, but find that you cannot make it, please call Linda Gee at 415-744-2976 by the close of business, December 12, 2011.

Brian D. Miller – Inspector General of the U.S. General Services Administration

The U.S. Senate confirmed Brian D. Miller as the Inspector General of the U.S. General Services Administration on July 22, 2005. Prior to becoming Inspector General, Mr. Miller worked for the U.S. Department of Justice for 15 years, beginning in the Office of Policy Development. Attorney General Janet Reno appointed him as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, where he concentrated on procurement, grant, and health care fraud cases. In 2001, he served as the Senior Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General and Special Counsel for Health Care Fraud for the U.S. Department of Justice. In 2002, he returned to the U.S. Attorney's Office to serve as Counsel to the United States Attorney, while continuing grand jury, trial, and appellate responsibilities as an Assistant U.S. Attorney.

As Inspector General, Mr. Miller leads over 300 auditors, special agents, lawyers, and support staff in conducting nationwide audits and investigations. As a national leader in the fight against procurement fraud, Mr. Miller participates in the U.S. Attorney General's Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force and partners with federal, state, and local officials to share information to detect, investigate, and prevent procurement, Recovery Act, and grant fraud. Mr. Miller is a frequent speaker at conferences, task force meetings, and regional working groups, and he testifies regularly before Congress.

Mr. Miller strives to provide aggressive, strategic, and creative leadership by developing new ways to fight fraud. In 2010, he established the Government Infrastructure Protection Initiative within his Office of Investigations to protect the federal procurement process and supply chain from the dangers associated with counterfeit products. In this effort, he partnered with the National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center. In 2008, he created a forensic auditing unit and sponsored federal forums to promote forensic auditing as a tool to analyze databases and to detect fraud. In 2006, Mr. Miller was named Vice-Chair of the National Procurement Fraud Task Force, a task force of the Department of Justice, law enforcement offices, and several inspectors general. As co-chair of the Legislation Committee, he played a key role in amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation to require contractors to report overpayments and crimes. He also was a principal author of a legislative and regulatory reform white paper, which resulted in legislation, regulation, and a national debate on important issues related to procurement fraud.

Mr. Miller has received notable recognition for his service as Inspector General. He was recognized by *Ethisphere* magazine as the 12th "most influential person in business ethics" by a worldwide panel of experts. He was named among "Those Who Dared: 30 Officials Who Stood Up for Our Country," a special report of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, a national advocacy organization. Mr. Miller also received the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award.