

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL'S**  
**INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIVITY**

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Quality Assessment Review

For the Review Period  
July 2007 Through June 2008



## INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The Inspector General was appointed by the Chairman of the Public Service Commission. Stephen Stolting served as the Inspector General during the review period.

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Office of Inspector General’s Internal Audit Activity

**SUMMARY**

In our opinion, the quality assurance program related to the Office of Inspector General’s internal audit activity, as designed and implemented during the review period July 2007 through June 2008, provided reasonable assurance of conformance to applicable professional auditing standards. Also, the Office of Inspector General generally complied with those provisions of Section 20.055, Florida Statutes, governing the operation of State agencies’ offices of inspectors general and internal audit activities.

**BACKGROUND**

Section 20.055, Florida Statutes, requires that each State agency, as defined by Section 20.055(1)(a), Florida Statutes, establish an office of inspector general. The Commission’s Office of Inspector General was assigned one position. The Inspector General provided the following information regarding activities performed by this position during the review period:

<b>The Office of Inspector General</b>	
<b>Activity Performed</b>	<b>Percentage of Work Effort (1)</b>
Auditing Activities	12
Consulting Activities	15
Investigative Activities	28
Other Accountability/Oversight Activities	<u>45</u>
	<u>100</u>

(1) Direct time charged to engagement activities.

The Inspector General identified three engagements that had been completed as part of internal audit activity during the review period within the Office of Inspector General’s quality assurance program. For engagements completed during the review period, the Office of Inspector General’s internal audit activity had elected to follow the *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing*.

**REPORT ON QUALITY ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

Pursuant to Sections 11.45(2)(k) and 20.055, Florida Statutes, we have reviewed the quality assurance program for the Office of Inspector General’s internal audit activity of the Public Service Commission in effect for the period July 2007 through June 2008. We also reviewed compliance with specific provisions of Section 20.055, Florida Statutes, governing the operation of State agencies’ offices of inspectors general and internal audit activities.

A quality assurance program for the Office of Inspector General’s internal auditing activity encompasses the charter, organizational environment, and policies and procedures established to provide management with reasonable assurance that the internal audit activity operates in conformity with applicable auditing standards. The design of the

quality assurance program and compliance with it are the responsibility of the Office of Inspector General. Section 20.055(5)(a), Florida Statutes, requires that internal audits be conducted in accordance with the current *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing (IIA Standards)* or, where appropriate, generally accepted government auditing standards. The *IIA Standards*, as promulgated by The Institute of Internal Auditors, and generally accepted government auditing standards generally provide comparable guidance for the conduct of assurance engagements. The *IIA Standards* also provide supplemental guidance for the conduct of consulting engagements.

In conducting our review, we obtained an understanding of the quality assurance program and performed such tests and other review procedures as we considered necessary. Because of inherent limitations in any quality assurance program, departures from the program may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the quality assurance program to future periods is subject to the risk that the program may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that compliance with policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, the quality assurance program related to the Office of Inspector General's internal audit activity of the Public Service Commission as designed and implemented during the review period, provided reasonable assurance of conformance to applicable professional auditing standards. Also, the Office of Inspector General generally complied with those provisions of Section 20.055, Florida Statutes, governing the operation of State agencies' offices of inspectors general and internal audit activities.

### OBJECTIVES, SCOPE, AND METHODOLOGY

We conducted this quality assessment review in accordance with applicable generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the review to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our review objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our review objectives.

The objectives of this review were to evaluate the extent to which the Office of the Inspector General's internal audit activity's charter, policies and procedures, quality assurance and improvement program, and work products conform to applicable professional auditing standards; determine compliance with those provisions of Section 20.055, Florida Statutes, that relate to the operation of State agencies' offices of inspectors general and internal audit activities; assess the Office of the Inspector General's internal audit activity's effectiveness in carrying out its mission (as set forth in its charter and expressed in the expectations of agency management); and identify opportunities to enhance the Office of the Inspector General's internal audit activity's management and work processes, as well as its value to agency management.

Our review included an evaluation of one of the three engagements completed as part of internal audit activity during the review period for compliance with applicable professional auditing standards. Our review was modeled primarily on the methodology presented in The Institute of Internal Auditors' *Quality Assessment Manual, Fifth Edition*.

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**AUTHORITY**

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Section 11.45(2)(k), Florida Statutes, requires that the Auditor General, once every three years, evaluate the extent of compliance by the office of inspector general with the current *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing* or, if appropriate, generally accepted government auditing standards. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 11.45(2)(k), Florida Statutes, I have directed that this report be prepared to present the results of our review.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "David W. Martin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

David W. Martin, CPA  
Auditor General