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What is the mission of the GSA OIG?

The General Services Administration Office of Inspector General's (GSA OIG's) mission is to conduct and supervise objective and independent audits, reviews, and investigations relating to GSA programs and operations. The GSA OIG prevents and detects fraud, waste, and misconduct; promotes economy, efficiency, and effectiveness; promotes program integrity; and keeps the Congress, and GSA management informed of problems, deficiencies, and corresponding corrective actions.

What exactly is fraud, waste, and abuse?

Fraud is any knowing deception designed to unlawfully deprive the United States of something of value or to secure from the United States for a benefit, privilege, allowance, or consideration to which an individual(s) is not entitled.

Waste is the extravagant, careless, or needless expenditure of Government funds, or the consumption of Government property that results from deficient practices, systems, controls, or decisions. Abuse is intentional or improper use of Government resources. Examples include misuse of position, authority, or the misuse of resources such as tools, vehicles, or office equipment.

Do the IG investigators have the authority to arrest suspects?

Yes. The investigators employed by the Office of Inspector General are sworn Federal Law Enforcement officers and have the same authority as any Federal law enforcement official such as the FBI and Federal Protective Service.