The Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community issues its Capstone Report on the Intelligence Community’s Top Management and Performance Challenges for Fiscal Year 2019

(March 2020) The Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community (ICIG) issued a Capstone Report summarizing shared management and performance challenges faced by the Intelligence Community during Fiscal Year 2019. In accordance with The Reports Consolidation Act of 2000, federal agencies’ Inspectors General must prepare a report summarizing what the Inspectors General consider to be the most serious management and performance challenges facing their agencies, and briefly assess the organization’s progress in addressing those challenges. Based on audits, inspections, and investigations conducted during the previous fiscal year, the Inspectors General in the Intelligence Community each prepared their own report identifying challenges.

The ICIG worked together with the Inspectors General from the Central Intelligence Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, the National Reconnaissance Office, and the National Security Agency to prepare a consolidated Capstone report that identifies the most significant shared challenges, which relate to the following areas (not presented in order of importance):

1. Strengthening Information System Security and Management;
2. Countering Insider Threats;
3. Strengthening Acquisition and Contract Management;
4. Producing Auditable Financial Statements;
5. Improving Workforce Management;
6. Reforming the Security Clearance Process;
7. Managing Internal and Interagency Relationships; and
8. Championing Protected Disclosures.

In addition, Inspectors General are monitoring the need for oversight authorities to stay current with the transformative powers of cognitive technologies, particularly artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning. As a result, the six Offices of Inspectors General also identified managing AI as an emerging challenge.
The classified Capstone Report, which details these shared challenges, was provided to the Acting Director of National Intelligence, and will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget and Congress.

The Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 established the Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community within the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. The ICIG’s mission is to provide independent and objective oversight of the programs and activities within the responsibility and authority of the Director of National Intelligence, to initiate and conduct independent audits, inspections, investigations, and reviews, and to lead and coordinate the efforts of the Intelligence Community Inspectors General Forum. The ICIG’s goal is to have a positive and enduring impact throughout the Intelligence Community, to lead and coordinate the efforts of an integrated Intelligence Community Inspectors General Forum, and to enhance the ability of the United States Intelligence Community to meet national security needs while respecting our nation’s laws and reflecting its values. The Forum consists of the twelve statutory and administrative Inspectors General having oversight responsibility for an element of the Intelligence Community. The Chair of the Forum is the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community.

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