

Inspector General

INTRODUCTION

The NASA Office of Inspector General (OIG) budget request for Fiscal Year 2005 is \$27.6 million. The request supports our mission to prevent and detect crime, fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement while promoting economy, effectiveness, and efficiency within the Agency. This request represents the OIG resources needed at NASA Headquarters and field offices to fulfill the OIG mission. Recognizing that the number of identified audits, investigations, inspections, assessments, and other activities significantly exceed the available resources, continuous adjustments of priorities will be necessary to ensure that a balanced coverage of NASA's programs and operations is maintained, critical and sensitive matters are promptly evaluated and investigated, and all OIG customers receive timely, accurate, and complete responses.

The OIG, Office of Audits (OA) conducts independent, objective audits and reviews of NASA and NASA contractor programs and projects, to improve NASA operations. The OA also conducts a broad range of professional audit and advisory services, comments on NASA policies, and is responsible for oversight of audits performed under contract or by other Federal agencies. The OA helps NASA accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of NASA operations.

The OIG Office of Criminal Investigations (OCI) identifies, investigates, and refers for prosecution cases of crime, waste, fraud, and abuse in NASA programs and operations. The OIG's Federal law enforcement officers investigate false claims, false statements, conspiracy, theft, mail fraud, and violations of Federal laws, such as the *Procurement Integrity Act* and the *Anti-Kickback Act*. Through its investigations, the OCI also seeks to prevent and deter crime at NASA. The OCI Computer Crimes Division has solved cases involving extortion of NASA and contractor personnel, loss of communications services, and the use of NASA-funded networks to further criminal enterprises including the compromise of advanced technologies and industrial espionage.

Our FY 2005 request is broken out as follows:

- 92.8 percent of the proposed budget is dedicated to personnel and related costs, including salaries, benefits, monetary awards, worker's compensation, transportation subsidies and training, as well as the government's contributions for Social Security, Medicare, health and life insurance, retirement accounts, matching contributions to Thrift Savings Plan accounts, the required 25 percent law enforcement availability pay (LEAP) for criminal investigators, and permanent change of station (PCS) costs.
- 4.2 percent of the proposed budget is dedicated to travel, including the cost of transportation, per diem at current rates, and related expenses. The OIG staff is located at 14 offices in or near NASA installations and contractor facilities.
- 3.0 percent of the proposed budget is dedicated to operations and equipment, including government vehicles, special equipment for criminal investigators, and information technology equipment unique to the OIG.

Budget Authority (\$ in millions)	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Personnel and Related Costs	22.1	25.0	25.6
Travel	1.1	1.3	1.2
Operations & Equipment	1.8	0.8	0.8
Total	25.0	27.1	27.6