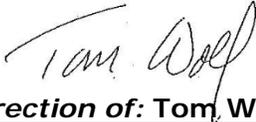


Executive Order

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Governor's Office

Subject: Office of State Inspector General	Number: 2020-01
 By Direction of: Tom Wolf, Governor	Date: January 2, 2020

WHEREAS, the maintenance of public confidence, integrity, and efficiency in the government of this Commonwealth is a primary concern of this administration; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of maintaining public confidence, the Office of State Inspector General originally was instituted by executive order in 1987 to detect, prevent, and eradicate fraud, waste, misconduct, and abuse in the programs, operations, and contracting of executive agencies; and

WHEREAS, the responsibilities of the Office of State Inspector General were codified in the Act of July 20, 2017, P.L. 328, No. 29 (Act 29 of 2017); and

WHEREAS, ensuring the efficient implementation of Act 29 of 2017 will further the objectives of this administration and the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other laws, do hereby direct the following with respect to the Office of State Inspector General as hereinafter set forth:

1. Purpose of the Office of State Inspector General.

- a. To deter, detect, prevent, and eradicate fraud, waste, misconduct, and abuse in the programs, operations, and contracting of executive agencies as provided in Act 29 of 2017.
- b. To keep the heads of executive agencies and the Governor fully informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration of programs, operations, and contracting in executive agencies.
- c. To report to, coordinate, and cooperate with the General Counsel as provided in Act 29 of 2017 and this Executive Order.

2. **Duties and Responsibilities.** It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Office of State Inspector General:
 - a. To inspect, evaluate, investigate, and review activities, records, and individuals with contracts, procurements, grants, agreements, and other financial arrangements undertaken by executive agencies for the purpose of identifying fraud, waste, misconduct, or abuse.
 - b. To conduct investigative activities concerning alleged abuses, frauds, and service deficiencies in programs or operations, including in the operation and maintenance of facilities, of executive agencies.
 - c. To report expeditiously to and cooperate fully with the General Counsel. It shall be the General Counsel's duty to direct and appoint the Chief Counsel for the Office of the State Inspector General. The protocol for reporting all matters encompassed in this section to the Office of General Counsel will be established by the General Counsel.
 - d. To immediately refer a matter to the General Counsel whenever the Office of State Inspector General has reasonable grounds to believe that there has been a violation of criminal law or that a civil action should be initiated by the Commonwealth, except for those violations of criminal law specifically noted in Act of Jul. 20, 2017, P.L. 328, No. 29 Section 506-A (relating to criminal charges). The General Counsel shall be responsible for referring matters to the appropriate executive agency or agencies for criminal prosecution or civil litigation.
 - e. To refer matters to the heads of executive agencies whenever the Office of State Inspector General determines that disciplinary or other administrative action is appropriate.
 - f. To consult with executive agencies in the development of terms and conditions of contracts, grants, and other agreements; and at the direction of the Governor or General Counsel, to inspect all records and information in possession, custody, or control of any person, association, corporation, or public agency that is a party to a contract, grant, or other agreement with an executive agency, or a party to any subcontract, subgrant, or other agreement subordinate to an agreement with an executive agency, for the purposes of carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the Office of State Inspector General under this Executive Order.
3. **General Provisions.** This Executive Order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law. This Executive Order is not intended to, and does not create, any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.
4. **Effective Date.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.
5. **Rescission.** Effective immediately, *Executive Order 1987-7* is hereby rescinded.