

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 16, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Jason Miller
Executive Chair
Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency

Dear Executive Chair Miller:

I write today to better understand the use of taxpayer funds by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE). CIGIE's Congressional Budget Justification for FY2025 reports that CIGIE obligated \$17,498,000 in FY2023; is estimated to obligate less in FY2024 at roughly \$16,943,000; and is requesting more than both years for FY 2025 at \$24,248,000.¹ The Budget Justification classifies the spending into Object Class Categories:

Object Class Category	Dollars in Thousands		
	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
11.1 Full-time Permanent	\$ 3,501	\$ 4,657	\$ 4,987
11.8 Special Personnel Services Payments	\$ 1,504	\$ 1,316	\$ 1,342
11.9 Total Personnel Compensation	\$ 5,005	\$ 5,973	\$ 6,329
12.1 Civilian Personnel Benefits	\$ 1,140	\$ 1,582	\$ 1,699
21.0 Travel and Transportation of Persons	\$ 449	\$ 300	\$ 300
22.0 Transportation of Things	\$ 119	\$ -	\$ -
23.1 Rental Payments to GSA	\$ 210	\$ 743	\$ 753
23.3 Communications, Utilities, and Miscellaneous Charges	\$ 51	\$ 94	\$ 95
24.0 Printing and Reproduction	\$ 18	\$ 100	\$ 100
25.1 Advisory and Assistance Services	\$ 4,958	\$ 2,032	\$ 2,107
25.2 Other Services from non-Federal Sources	\$ 21	\$ 2,731	\$ 6,739
25.3 Other Goods and Services from Federal Sources	\$ 5,252	\$ 3,284	\$ 6,022
26.0 Supplies and Materials	\$ 57	\$ 75	\$ 75
31.0 Equipment	\$ 218	\$ 29	\$ 29
Total New Obligations	\$ 17,498	\$ 16,943	\$ 24,248

¹ Council of the Inspectors Gen. on Integrity and Efficiency, *Congressional Budget Justification FY2025*, (last accessed on Oct. 16, 2024) at 10, <https://www.ignet.gov/sites/default/files/files/CIGIEFY2025CongressionalJustifications.pdf#:~:text=The%20Council%20of%20the>.

² *Id.*

The Congressional Research Service has informed my office that this data is the most detailed public reporting of CIGIE's spending records. Notably, the data classifications are too broad to provide clarity on CIGIE's transactional level spending. Accordingly, as a preliminary matter, so Congress may conduct independent oversight of CIGIE's use of taxpayer money, please answer the following questions no later than October 30, 2024:

1. For the category "Full Time Permanent," provide data showing who received this money. Provide how many full-time personnel CIGIE employs, what are their annual salaries, job titles, and government series/grades. Additionally, include which CIGIE Committee each employee works for.³ Provide data for the last five years.
2. For the category "Special Personnel Services Payments," provide data showing who received these payments and why. If any whistleblowers received these payments, in addition to providing how much they received, provide what misconduct was reported.⁴ Provide data for the last five years.
3. For the category "Civilian Personnel Benefits," provide data showing who received this money, how much, and why. Provide data for the last five years.
4. For the category "Travel and Transportation of Persons," provide data showing who traveled, where they traveled to, for what purpose, and the amount. Provide data for the last five years.
5. For the category "Transportation of things," provide data showing what was transported, where, and the amount. For money spent to temporarily store household goods, include how long CIGIE paid to store these goods, under what circumstances, and the amount. Provide data for the last five years.
6. For the category "Rental Payments to GSA," provide data showing what was rented, for what purposes, and at what rates and totals. Provide data for the last five years. Please explain the significant increase in rental payments to GSA from FY2023 to FY2024 and FY2025. Additionally, please provide your work-from-home policy for all employees.

³ The nine CIGIE committees (not including the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee, which is funded by the CARES Act and the American Rescue Plan of 2021) are Audit; Budget; Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility; Inspection and Evaluation; Integrity; Investigations; Legislative; Professional Development; and Technology. *Id.*

⁴ Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance describes Code 11.8 "Special personal services payments" as including "[p]ayments to a person who tells someone in authority about alleged dishonest or illegal activities occurring in a government agency. Often referred to as a 'whistleblower.'" OMB Circular No. A-11 (2024) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/s83.pdf>.

7. For the category “Communications, Utilities, and Miscellaneous Charges;” provide data showing how this money was spent and the amount. Provide data for the last five years.
8. For the category “Printing and Reproduction,” provide data showing how this money was spent and the amount. Provide data for the last five years.
9. For the category “Advisory and Assistance Services,” provide data showing how this money was spent and the amount. Provide data for the last five years. Include who provided the services acquired and note whether they were private sector, a foreign government, a state or local government, or a tribe and whether the service was a management and professional support service; a study, analysis, or evaluation; or an engineering or technical service.
10. For the category “Other Services from non-Federal Sources,” provide data showing how this money was spent and the amount. Provide data for the last five years. If any of this money paid for tuition for the general education of employees, include the titles of the classes paid for.
11. For the category “Other Goods and Services from Federal Sources,” provide data showing how this money was spent and the amount. Provide data for the last five years.
12. For the category “Supplies and Materials,” provide data showing how this money was spent and the amount. Provide data for the last five years.
13. For the category “Equipment,” provide data showing how this money was spent and the amount. Provide data for the last five years. Please explain the decrease in Equipment expenses from FY2023 to FY2024 and FY2025.
14. For the last five years and for each CIGIE committee, provide a financial breakdown of how much taxpayer money has been allocated and spent.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact Jace Pimentel of my Committee staff at (202) 224-0624.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chuck Grassley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Budget