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The information in this system of records will be used for purposes of— (1) conducting and documenting investigations by the OIG or other investigative agencies regarding the Department's programs and operations and reporting the results of investigations to other Federal agencies, other public authorities or professional organizations that have the authority to bring criminal prosecutions or civil or administrative actions, or to impose other disciplinary sanctions; (2) documenting the outcome of OIG investigations; (3) maintaining a record of the activities that were the subject of investigations; (4) reporting investigative findings to other Department components for their use in operating and evaluating their programs or operations, and in the imposition of civil or administrative sanctions; (5) maintaining a record of complaints and allegations received relative to Department programs and operations and documenting the outcome of OIG reviews of those complaints and allegations; (6) coordinating relationships with other Federal agencies, State and local governmental agencies, and nongovernmental entities in matters relating to the statutory responsibilities of the OIG; (7) acting as a repository and source for information necessary to fulfill the reporting requirements of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, 5 U.S.C. Appendix; (8) reporting on the activities of the Inspector General to the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency; and (9) participating in the investigative qualitative assessment review process requirements of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-296.)

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Due to the extensive revisions in this notice, it is being published in its entirety.

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**John P. Higgins, Jr.,**  
*Inspector General.*

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Education publishes a notice of an altered system of records to read as follows:

#### 18-10-01

##### SYSTEM NAME:

Investigative Files of the Inspector General.

##### SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

None.

##### SYSTEM LOCATION(S):

Office of the Inspector General, Investigation Services (AIGI), U.S. Department of Education, 330 C Street, SW., Mary E. Switzer Building, Room 4132, Washington, DC 20202. See the Appendix at the end of this notice for additional system locations.

##### CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Categories include subjects, targets, witnesses, victims, current and former employees of the U.S. Department of Education (Department), and individuals who have any relationship to financial assistance or other educational programs administered by the Department, or to management concerns of the Department, including but not limited to—grantees, subgrantees, contractors, subcontractors, program participants, recipients of Federal funds or federally insured funds, and officers, employees, or agents of institutional recipients or program participants.

##### CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Categories include investigation files pertaining to violations of criminal laws, fraud, waste, and abuse with

respect to the administration of Department of Education programs and operations, and violations of employee Standards of Conduct in 34 CFR part 73. These investigation files will contain, but will not be limited to, electronic information including names, addresses, social security numbers, dates of birth, and aliases for subjects, targets, witnesses, and victims associated with investigations; reports of interview; investigative memoranda; requests and approvals for case openings and closings and for the use of special investigative techniques requiring approval by management; and electronic copies of photographs, scanned documents, and electronic media such as audio and video. The system will store investigation work products, as well as all investigation results and other tracking information needed to identify trends, patterns, and other indicators of fraud and abuse within the Department of Education programs and operations.

##### AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

The Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, (5 U.S.C. Appendix).

##### PURPOSE(S):

Pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, the system is maintained for the purposes of—(1) conducting and documenting investigations by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) or other investigative agencies regarding Department of Education programs and operations and reporting the results of investigations to other Federal agencies, other public authorities or professional organizations that have the authority to bring criminal prosecutions or civil or administrative actions, or to impose other disciplinary sanctions; (2) documenting the outcome of OIG investigations; (3) maintaining a record of the activities that were the subject of investigations; (4) reporting investigative findings to other Department of Education components for their use in operating and evaluating their programs or operations and in the imposition of civil or administrative sanctions; (5) maintaining a record of complaints and allegations received relative to Department of Education programs and operations and documenting the outcome of OIG reviews of those complaints and allegations; (6) coordinating relationships with other Federal agencies, State and local governmental agencies, and nongovernmental entities in matters relating to the statutory responsibilities of the OIG; (7) acting as a repository and source for information necessary to fulfill the reporting