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On October 22, 2015, at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony, the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency recognized the Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) for our "LSC OIG Fraud Prevention Program."

This award acknowledged the LSC OIG for developing a Fraud Prevention Guide highlighting patterns of LSC grant fraud schemes and successfully educating all 135 LSC grantees in an effort to preclude fraud in LSC programs. This initiative was undertaken with the full knowledge and support of the LSC Board of Directors and required approximately three years to complete as the OIG travelled to the grantee locations. This effort enhanced awareness to prevent fraud in LSC programs, opened communication channels between the OIG and grantee employees, and promoted professional working relationships between the OIG and grantees.

The keynote speaker at this awards ceremony was Loretta Lynch, Attorney General for the United States. In her message to those in attendance, she stated, "The 72 federal inspectors general offices have one of the most difficult and important jobs in all of government. The scope of your responsibility is vast and demands fluency in law, finance and accounting; foreign policy and the tax code; food safety and public health. In all areas, it requires a steadfast determination to seek out the truth; an unshakeable belief in the mission of our democracy; and a deep and unwavering commitment to our highest values and most fundamental ideals."

We are proud to have received this award.

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