Fraud Awareness Orientation

- Office of Inspector General
- What is Fraud
- Types of Fraud
- OIG Investigative Priorities
- Fraud Schemes
- How to Report
- Questions and Answers
Mission: To enhance the confidence in the program by promoting the economy and effectiveness of the AbilityOne Program and operations; hence, protecting them against fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement.

- Independent office with Statutory Oversight Responsibility for the AbilityOne Program operations and functions.
- Conducts audit activities to evaluate efficiency and effectiveness of the AbilityOne Program’s operations and functions.
- Conducts investigative activities in response to allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement of the AbilityOne Program operations.
- Provides semi-annual reports and top management challenges report to Agency Head and Congress.
- As requested, testify before Congress and/or prepare special reports.
What is Fraud

• Legal Definition:
  • Intentional deceitful practice or willful device, with intent to deprive another of his right, or in some manner to do injury. Does not have to result in monetary loss.

• Layman’s Definition:
  • Lying, cheating and/or stealing. - Misrepresenting information on required official forms.
Types of Fraud

• Two Types
  • Civil Fraud
  • Criminal Fraud

Both contain the same legal elements
• Misrepresentation is Material
• Knowledge of the misrepresentation
• Misrepresentation was purposeful and with intent to fool the victim
• Victim relied upon the misrepresentation and suffered damage as a result
Investigative Priorities

- Fraud Awareness
- Protected Disclosure Investigations
- Program Integrity Investigations
- Fraud Investigations
- Collective and Joint Investigations
Fraud Schemes

- Embezzlement
- Bribery
- False Claims
- Kickbacks
- Extortion

- False Statement
- Obstruction of Federal Audit
- Destruction of Records
- Obstruction of Justice
• Why Report Fraud?
  • Ethical responsibility
  • To deter others from committing fraud and abuse
  • To protect the integrity of the government program
  • To avoid being part of the fraudulent/criminal activities
  • To reduce financial exposure for your organization under the False Claims Act

• Who is responsible for Reporting Fraud?
  • Everyone who deals with the AbilityOne Program has a responsibility to help and report fraud
OIG has responsibility for the AbilityOne Complaint (Hotline) Program

- Report suspected fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement
- Confidential
- Anonymous reporting options
- Protected against reprisal or unauthorized disclosure of identity
- Live Hotline Center (Telephone, Internet or email)
  - Toll-Free Hotline: (844) 496-1536
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