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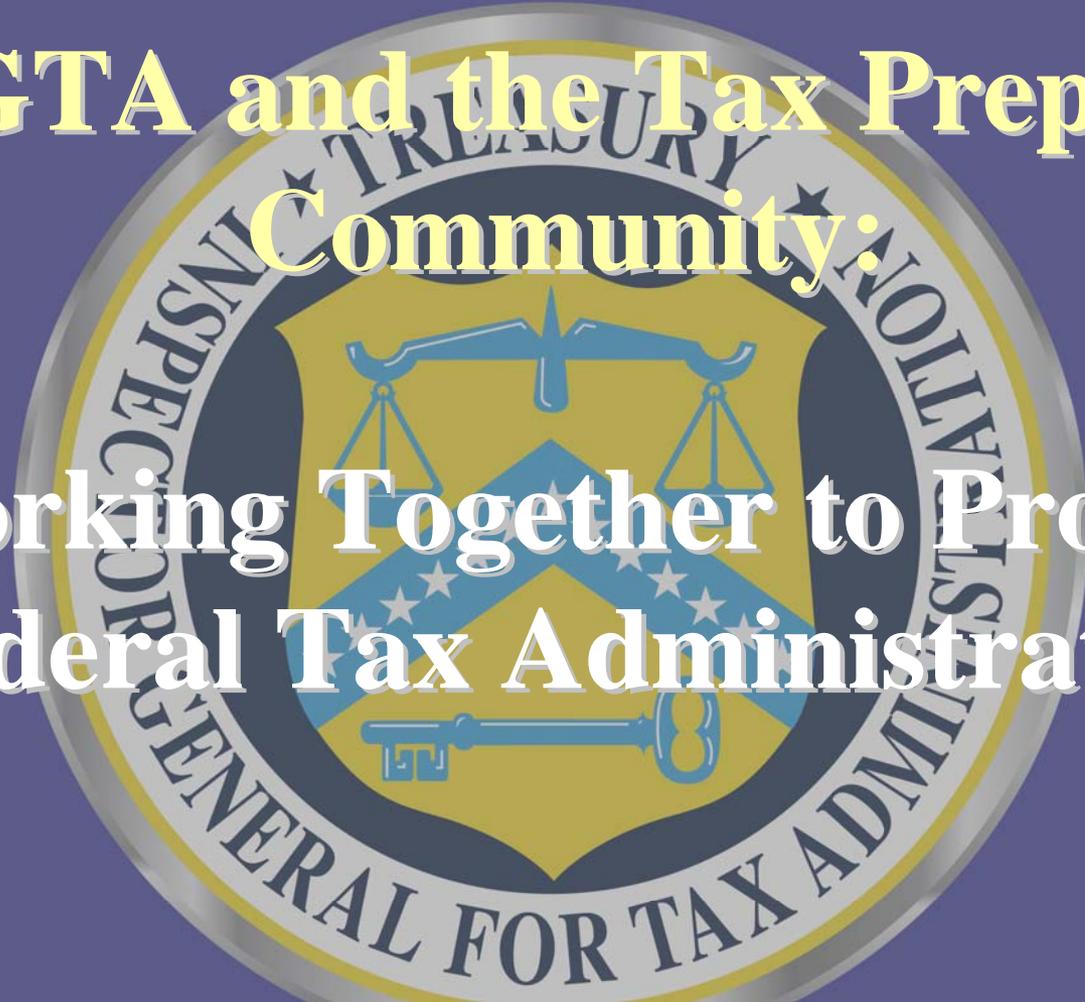
**TAX FORUM**

*IRS Nationwide*

# **TIGTA and the Tax Preparer Community:**

## **Working Together to Protect Federal Tax Administration**

**TREASURY INSPECTOR GENERAL  
FOR TAX ADMINISTRATION**



# What is TIGTA

- Created by Congress
  - Provides independent oversight of the IRS
  - Protects the integrity and the fair administration of the Federal tax system
- Reports to Secretary of the Treasury and Congress
- Investigates wrongdoing by IRS employees
- Investigates external attempts to corrupt and threaten IRS employees, buildings and data

# The Honorable J. Russell George



- Inspector General since 2004
- Former staff director of Congressional subcommittee
- Former White House attorney
- Former NY City prosecutor
- Harvard Law School graduate
- Member, Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board

# Overseeing the IRS

## TIGTA:

- Conducts investigations, audits, inspections and evaluations of IRS activities
- Recommends improvements to IRS programs and operations
- Protects the integrity of tax administration
- Detects and prevents waste, fraud, and abuse

# Practitioner Role in Protecting Federal Tax Administration

## Practitioners:

- Have direct interaction with taxpayers
- Are the first line of defense against fraud and corruption
- Are experienced with IRS personnel and processes
- Report examples of inefficiencies or systemic problems

# Office of Audit

- Reviews and recommends improvements to all aspects of IRS and tax administration, including e-file and customer service
- Reviews of IRS Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR)
- Annual Audit Plan provides an overview and brief description of reports
- Informs the Secretary of the Treasury of management and performance challenges facing the IRS and tax administration



# Office of Inspections & Evaluations

Inspections provide:

- Factual and analytical information
- Monitor compliance; measure performance
- Assess the effectiveness and efficiency of programs and operations
- Share best practices
- Inquire into allegations of fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement

Evaluations often result in recommendations to:

- Streamline operations
- Enhance data quality
- Minimize inefficient and ineffective procedures



# Office of Investigations

Combats waste, fraud, and abuse of the nation's Federal tax system by investigating:

- IRS employee integrity
- IRS employee and infrastructure security
- External attempts to corrupt tax administration



# Contacting TIGTA

- TIGTA Tax Forum Locations:
  - Investigations booth in Exhibit Hall
  - Audit/Inspection and Evaluations information table in Mezzanine
- E-mail: [Complaints@tigta.treas.gov](mailto:Complaints@tigta.treas.gov)
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  - 24 hours a day, 7 days per week