

GAO

Office of Inspector General

Strategic Plan

Fiscal Years 2026–2030

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Message from the Inspector General

On behalf of the GAO Office of Inspector General (OIG), I am pleased to present the OIG's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2026–2030. This carefully crafted plan reflects the thoughtful input of the dedicated OIG professionals whose integrity, expertise, and commitment to service are the driving force behind our success.

GAO provides nonpartisan, objective, professional, and reliable information to Congress, federal agencies, and the public. The OIG's work supports GAO's efforts to ensure the accountability of the federal government for the benefit of the American people.

This plan illustrates our unwavering commitment to being a leading force in government oversight. Our culture of continuous improvement will support us as we strengthen our workforce and protect our independence, ensuring that our work is free from external influence. By strengthening relationships in the oversight community and adhering to the highest standards, we will deliver impactful work that leads to meaningful change.

Guided by this plan, the OIG will continue to promote accountability, integrity, and efficiency within GAO through meaningful, timely, and impactful oversight. I look forward to working with our stakeholders to elevate public trust in federal oversight.

/s/

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Inspector General





Mission Statement

To promote accountability, integrity, and efficiency within GAO by conducting meaningful, timely, and impactful oversight.



Vision Statement

To be a leading force in ensuring government integrity and accountability, thereby strengthening public trust.





Values

1. People-focused

We invest in our workforce, technology, and processes to ensure success in our oversight mission. By fostering continuous learning and growth, we build a culture that supports excellence and innovation.

2. Independence

We maintain objectivity and autonomy in all our operations to support Congress by conducting meaningful, timely, and impactful oversight of GAO, ensuring that our work is free from external influence and upholds the highest standards of impartiality.

3. Innovation

We embrace creativity and continuous improvement, fostering a culture where new ideas are encouraged, explored, and implemented to enhance our impact and achieve better outcomes.

4. Integrity

We adhere to the highest ethical standards, ensuring transparency, honesty, accuracy, and accountability.

5. Impact

We are committed to delivering work that has meaningful and lasting impact.





Goal and Objectives

Goal: Deliver impactful results

OBJECTIVES

 Workforce Excellence	 Collaborative Oversight	 Operational Impact	 Process Innovation	 Institutional Integrity
Attract and retain top-tier talent to drive high-quality oversight work.	Build and strengthen partnerships in the oversight community.	Produce timely, accurate, and impactful work that leads to real change.	Streamline procedures and processes.	Enhance the legal and operational frameworks that support the OIG's independence.

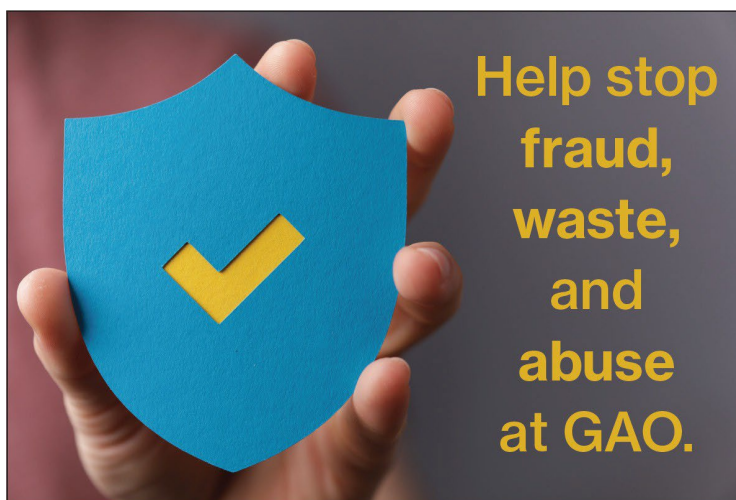
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Reporting Fraud, Waste, and Abuse

To report fraud and other serious problems, abuses, and deficiencies relating to GAO programs and operations, complainants can provide information to the OIG's contractor-run hotline in one of the following ways:



**Help stop
fraud,
waste,
and
abuse
at GAO.**

Report fraud, waste, or abuse of
GAO property, assets, or resources
at gao-oig.listeningline.com or
by calling **(866) 680-7963**.



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You can remain
anonymous.

- Call the toll-free hotline to speak with a specialist, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Visit the [OIG hotline](#).
- GAO employees are protected from prohibited personnel practices, including retaliation for whistleblowing. The OIG will review and refer allegations of whistleblower retaliation to the appropriate entities, when applicable.

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