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Announcements

- The OEIG is pleased to announce the hiring of **Sarah Hunt** as a HEM Analyst in its Springfield office.
- Members of the OEIG staff presented at the Executive Ethics Commission (EEC)'s Ethics Officer conference on September 17, 2026. General Counsel **Neil Olson** spoke on issues relating to conflicts of interest, and Assistant Inspector General **Joseph Loscudo** co-led a session on the Ethics Act's revolving door provisions. The OEIG thanks the EEC for the opportunity to participate.

OEIG Report on Work Schedules and Grant Administration

A published OEIG investigative report shows the importance of accountability in timekeeping and grant administration. The OEIG received allegations that the Chief Fiscal Officer (CFO) at the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) abused time and did not accurately report his time, and that Western Illinois University (WIU) hired individuals and paid for contractual services under a grant from ILETSB before the grant agreement was signed.

The OEIG analyzed the CFO's time sheets and activity records for a sample period consisting of 30 workdays. The OEIG found that there were significant periods of inactivity, and days in which his building entry or computer log-in times were significantly after his recorded start time.

During his OEIG interview, the CFO claimed that he did not have clear work times, he was never going to work with clear work times, and that he was not required to document when he deviated from his scheduled work hours as long as his supervisor knew. The CFO stated that he would consider a 7.5 hour workday to be completed if he completed all his work in 5 hours. The OEIG also interviewed the CFO's supervisor who said that she was unaware of the CFO deviating from his work schedule and that he had not informed her that he was doing so. During the course of the OEIG investigation, ILESTB terminated the CFO for "Performance."

The OEIG investigation also revealed that a grant agreement was executed between ILETSB and WIU that specifically provided that supplies or services rendered that were incurred prior to the execution of the grant agreement would not be paid. Yet, WIU submitted an invoice voucher to ILETSB that included at least $75,370 in expenses that were incurred before the execution of the grant agreement; ILETSB thereafter presented this inaccurate invoice to the Comptroller for payment. Despite multiple employees at both WIU and ILETSB being involved in the invoice review and/or payment process, no one in either agency identified that services reflected in the invoice were incurred prior to the execution of the grant agreement.

The report for Case Nos. 24-00160 & 24-02150 is available on the OEIG website.