# OFFICE OF THE STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR & THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA

ON THE

FRAUD AND ABUSE WHISTLE BLOWER FUND

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# COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

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October 5, 2015

The Honorable Terence R. McAuliffe Governor of Virginia Patrick Henry Building, Third Floor 1111 East Broad Street Richmond, VA 23219

Members of the Virginia General Assembly General Assembly Building 1000 Bank Street Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Governor McAuliffe and Members of the Virginia General Assembly:

Pursuant to *Code of Virginia* (Code) § <u>2.2-3014</u>, the Office of the State Inspector General (OSIG) submits the fiscal year 2015 summary of Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Reward Fund activities.

### Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act Program

The Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Reward Fund (Fund) is solely used to provide monetary rewards to Commonwealth of Virginia (Commonwealth) citizens and state government employees who have disclosed information of wrongdoing or abuse under the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act (WBPA) for a disclosure that results in a recovery of at least \$5,000. The amount of the reward shall be up to 10 percent of the actual sums recovered by the Commonwealth as a result of the disclosure of the wrongdoing or abuse. Regardless of the sums recovered, at no time shall the amount of any reward, even if less than 10 percent, exceed the balance of the Fund.

OSIG assumed responsibility for administering the WBPA effective July 1, 2012. Commonwealth citizens and state government employees are encouraged to report instances of wrongdoing or abuse by state and non-state agencies without fear of discrimination or reprisal per Code § 2.2-3009 et seq.

### FY 2015Operations

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WBPA incidents reported to OSIG	None
Fund claims made to OSIG	None

### FY 2015Financial Activity

Fund balance: July 1, 2014	\$0.00
Fund deposits: July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015	\$0.00
Fund withdrawals: July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015	\$0.00
Fund balance: June 30, 2015	\$0.00

The Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act Regulations, Policies and Procedures Manual Policies and procedures for proper administration of the Fund, including eligibility requirements and rules for filing claims, are published and available at the OSIG's public website.

### WBPA Promotion

As a part of our strategic planning efforts, OSIG plans to develop marketing strategies to promote the WBPA program during this current fiscal year.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 804-625-3255 or via email at june.jennings@osig.virginia.gov. I am also available to meet with you to discuss this report or any aspects of this office at your convenience.

Respectfully,

June W. Jennings

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