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## OSIG FURTHER ENHANCES ABILITY TO SERVE THE COMMONWEALTH

In its continuation of advancing employee talent and skills, the Office of the State Inspector General recently sent five employees to earn professional certifications at the Association of Inspectors General Institute in Jacksonville, Florida. The weeklong training and subsequent testing covered core competency areas, including professional standards for conducting investigations and audits, ethics, legal issues and computer crime.



Attending the AIG institute (from left) are Senior Hotline Investigator Ephfrom Walker III, Deputy Inspector General Corrine Loudon and Staff Auditor Kapua Jacunski. (Missing from photo are Senior Hotline Investigator Hitha Panakkaparambil and Senior Hotline Investigator Gari Melchers.)

Deputy Inspector General Corrine Loudon earned the Certified Inspector General certification. Loudon also maintains certifications as Certified Investments & Derivatives Auditor, Certification in Risk Management Assurance and Certified Internal Controls Auditor. Senior Hotline Investigators Gari Melchers and Ephfrom Walker III both earned the Certified Inspector General Investigator certification to accompany their achievements as Certified Public Accountants. Senior Hotline Investigator Hitha Panakkaparambil also earned a Certified Inspector General Investigator certification. She is a Chartered Accountant from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Staff auditor Kapua Jacunski earned her first certification as a Certified Inspector General Auditor.

“I appreciate staff taking the initiative to improve themselves professionally and enriching OSIG’s knowledge base and reputation by earning these certifications,” said State Inspector General Michael C. Westfall. “These accomplishments benefit the agency and those we serve.” More than 20 OSIG staff have AIG certifications.

Meet each of these five OSIG employees this week on #VaOSIG [social media](#) accounts.

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