



## Commerce Office of Inspector General Announces Fiscal Year 2015 Top Management Challenges for U.S. Department of Commerce

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WASHINGTON, DC – The Office of Inspector General (OIG) today released its report on the top management challenges it identified for the U.S. Department of Commerce for fiscal year 2015. The annual report is required under the Reports Consolidation Act of 2000. It represents OIG’s current assessment of the Department’s programs and activities and the most serious management challenges facing its respective bureaus.

The report is aligned with the Department’s strategic plan and identifies challenges within each of the Department’s five strategic goals:

1. **TRADE AND INVESTMENT:** Expand the U.S. economy through increased exports and inward foreign investment that lead to more and better American jobs.
2. **INNOVATION:** Foster a more innovative U.S. economy—one that is better at inventing, improving, and commercializing products and technologies that lead to higher productivity and competitiveness.
3. **ENVIRONMENT:** Ensure communities and businesses have the necessary information, products, and services to prepare for and prosper in a changing environment.
4. **DATA:** Improve government, business, and community decisions and knowledge by transforming Department data capabilities and supporting a data-enabled economy.
5. **OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE:** Deliver better services, solutions, and outcomes that benefit the American people.

The Department of Commerce has nearly 47,000 employees worldwide and a fiscal year 2015 budget request of \$8.8 billion, plus an estimated \$3.4 billion it collects in patent and trademark fees. Its mission and portfolio of programs impact American society at many levels through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Census Bureau, the Bureau of Economic Analysis, the International Trade Administration, the Bureau of Industry and Security, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, among others.

The mission of OIG is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Department of Commerce’s programs and operations. OIG also endeavors to detect and deter waste, fraud, and abuse. It tracks the use of taxpayer dollars through audits, inspections, evaluations, and investigations.

The complete OIG report, “Top Management Challenges Facing the Department of Commerce,” can be found at [www.oig.doc.gov](http://www.oig.doc.gov).

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