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Montgomery County OIG Continues Proactive Oversight of All County Departments

Rockville, Maryland – Montgomery County Maryland Inspector General Megan Davey Limarzi announced today the release of a new Office of the Inspector General (OIG) report, <u>Performance Audit of Purchasing Card Usage & Related Travel Expenses</u>, OIG Publication # 25-10, detailing the results of an OIG performance audit of the Office of the County Attorney (OCA). The audit was conducted pursuant to the OIG's mandate to conduct reviews of the internal accounting processes and controls used by each department and principal office in the County's Executive Branch.

In support of its mandate, the OIG conducts audits and reviews of high-risk county contracts and agreements and the county's internal accounting and contracting processes and controls. The audits are conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards (GAGAS) which provide the framework for performing high-quality audits that reflect competence, integrity, objectivity, and independence.

The published audit focused on OCA's usage of County purchasing cards (P-Card) which accounted for approximately 9% of FY22, FY23 and FY24 operating expenses. As such, the OIG attempted to determine if OCA's P-Card transactions were supported by proper documentation, coded to the proper accounting code, and were approved in accordance with the County's P-Card policy. The OIG also tested a sample of P-Card transactions related to non-local travel for compliance with policy.

The audit resulted in one reportable finding related to the proper documentation and approval of travel. The County's Chief Administrative Officer concurred with the associated recommendation and OCA has implemented a procedure to address the finding.

Read the full report

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