

STATE OF LOUISIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
BATON ROUGE



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. EWE 92 - 59

WHEREAS, the prevention of waste, inefficiencies, mismanagement, and abuse in the departments, agencies, boards, commissions, authorities, task forces, and divisions ("covered agencies") which come under the authority of the Governor is an important responsibility of the state; and

WHEREAS, the prevention of waste, inefficiencies, mismanagement, and abuse in the covered agencies of the Governor's Office is dependent in part upon the development, implementation, and enforcement of sound policies and procedures directed to that end; and

WHEREAS, there should be constant vigilance in each covered agency of the Governor's Office as to the adequacy of such policies and procedures and as to the fact of compliance therewith; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Office of Inspector General in the Executive Department, Division of Administration, will facilitate the carrying out the obligation of vigilance as described above:

NOW THEREFORE I, EDWIN W. EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested through the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby establish the Office of Inspector General in the Executive Department, Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, and do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The Inspector General

A. The State Inspector General shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

B. The State Inspector General shall exercise the authority as specified in this order to fulfill the duties and responsibilities as specified to establish such internal procedures and guidelines as may be necessary, including recommendations for specific corrective actions within the departments, agencies, boards, commissions, authorities, task forces, and divisions of the Governor's Office.

SECTION 2: The Office of the Inspector General

The State Inspector General shall have the necessary staff and resources to fulfill the duties and responsibilities as specified.

SECTION 3: Authority of the State Inspector General

A. The State Inspector General is authorized to examine and investigate the management and affairs of the covered agencies concerning waste, inefficiencies, mismanagement, and abuse and, if there exists reasonable grounds that justify further inquiry, he may conduct investigation into such areas, including but not limited to:

1. Misuse of state owned automobiles, planes, watercraft, and all other movable and immobile property;
2. Evidence of a pattern of excessive bills on state contracts;
3. Unauthorized use of leave;
4. Mismanagement of governmental operations;
5. Waste or abuse of things of value belonging to or used by the agencies, departments and division of the Governor's Office.

SECTION 4: Duties and Responsibilities of the State Inspector General

A. The State Inspector General shall help prevent waste, inefficiencies, mismanagement, and abuse in covered agencies by periodically reviewing policies and procedures and monitoring operations and making recommendations for improvement.

B. The State Inspector General shall receive complaints of fraud, waste, inefficiencies, mismanagement, abuse, or corruption in covered agencies, and determine whether they warrant investigation by the State Inspector General or by appropriate federal, state, or local agencies.

C. The State Inspector General shall investigate complaints of waste, inefficiencies, mismanagement, and abuse and, when appropriate, determine whether disciplinary action, or further investigation by appropriate federal, state, or local agencies is warranted, and take further action as appropriate.

D. The State Inspector General shall report complaints of fraud, abuse, or corruption to such federal, state, or local agencies when there is evidence that non-state agency personnel have engaged in what may be criminal activity and when otherwise appropriate, and shall otherwise cooperate with them in any further action.

E. The State Inspector General shall report to the Governor.

SECTION 5: Responsibilities of Covered Agencies

All officers and employees in covered agencies shall extend full cooperation and all reasonable assistance to the State Inspector General and his designees. No provision of this order shall be construed to diminish the responsibility of said officers and employees to be vigilant in preventing and reporting waste, inefficiencies, mismanagement, and abuse.

SECTION 6: Area of Authority.

A. All departments, agencies, boards, commissions, authorities, task forces, and divisions of the Governor's Office are covered by provisions of this order.

B. The area of authority for the State Inspector General shall not include the state universities and colleges, or other statewide elected officials.

SECTION 7: Miscellaneous

Nothing herein shall be construed to impair the rights, duties and obligations of state employees covered by collective bargaining agreements or the functions, powers, and duties of the State Civil Service Commission and other pertinent federal and state laws.

SECTION 8: Compliance.

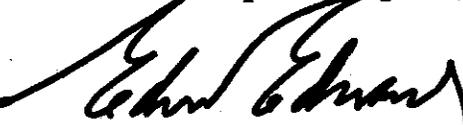
All departments, commissions, boards, agencies, and officers of the state, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the State Inspector General in implementing the provisions of this Executive Order.

SECTION 9: Effective Date.

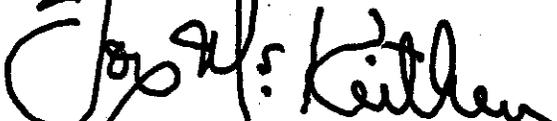
The provisions of this Executive Order are effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until amended, modified, or rescinded by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 20th day of August, 1992.


GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR**


SECRETARY OF STATE