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AGA and Kearney & Company Release 2023 Inspectors General Survey
Spotlight on Innovations in Oversight Post-Pandemic

Alexandria, Va. — AGA, in collaboration with Kearney & Company, is pleased to announce the release of the 2023 Inspector General and State Auditor Survey: Embracing Innovations in Oversight. This year's survey delves into how innovations developed and lessons learned during the oversight of pandemic relief efforts will shape the future of oversight practices.

The 2022 Survey focused on the monumental task of overseeing \$5 trillion in pandemic relief funds, while the 2023 edition delves into the innovations and lessons gleaned from this unprecedented challenge. Key highlights from the report include insights into how the innovations developed during the pandemic response will shape the future of oversight.

Leaders from AGA and Kearney collaborated to develop interview questions, conducting extensive interviews with state auditors and federal inspectors general (IG). These interviews spanned a cross-section of oversight officials, including those with leading roles in COVID-19 relief efforts, members of the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC), and selected states.

The 2023 Survey reflects on the innovative approaches and lessons learned during the pandemic response, examining their impact on future oversight practices. Respondents highlighted the increasing emphasis on data-sharing, the use of data analytics to enhance capability and effectiveness, and the assessment of pandemic relief program impacts.

Ann Ebberts, AGA CEO, remarked, "More than 100 years ago, Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis is quoted to have said that 'Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants'. We are so appreciative of the federal IG and State Auditor community for participating in this survey and helping us to highlight and 'bring to light' many of the data access and data sharing challenges encountered during the pandemic. This survey also highlights the substantial efforts to collaborate and communicate across levels of government to identify potential solutions so that our government is prepared for the 'next crisis'."

David Zavada, Kearney Senior Partner, and Survey Director, emphasized, "This year's AGA IG and State Auditor Survey amplifies the themes raised by the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee and others in the oversight community in regard to avoiding fraud and improper payments – including the importance of data sharing and data analytics capabilities to enhance program integrity and detect fraud. Maintaining a centralized data analytics function is a top legislative priority for the federal IG community."

The 2023 Inspector General and State Auditor Survey offers invaluable insights into the evolving landscape of oversight and accountability. To access the full report, please visit **[LINKWILLGOHERE](#)**

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