



# Investigating Fraud

**A Collaborative Approach**

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# Why Are We Here?

- Intelligence products assess with **high confidence** that an increase in public corruption and fraud is anticipated during the administration of \$787 billion through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)





# PARTNERSHIPS

- **Team Approach to Combating Fraud**
  - Hawaii State Agencies
  - Federal Inspector Generals
  - FBI
  - DOJ/AntiTrust
  - United States Attorney Office
  - Hawaii Attorney General's Office
  - Local Prosecuting Authorities
  - YOU!!



Partnerships





# How To Combat Fraud/Corruption

- Education
- Oversight
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Cooperation





# What Happens?

- Detection - Fraud indicators/analysis
- Report – Federal OIGs/FBI
- Assessment - Determine criminal threat
- Investigate - Initiate Joint Investigations with OIG/FBI/State Agencies
- Prosecution - Federal/State Statutes
  - Civil Remedies
  - Administrative Sanctions





# Detection

- Intelligence Analysis – Determining where the greatest threat and vulnerabilities are
- Audits – Follow the money
- Details – Policy and Guidelines
- “Gut” check – Doesn’t pass the smell test





# Report Fraud



- Call Federal OIGs or FBI to report
- Use State Agency tip lines or hotlines
- Report on-line
- In person reporting





# Assessment

- Criminal Violation –
  - Investigators looks for elements of the crime
    - Fraud Against the Government
    - Public Corruption
- Civil Remedies –
  - Monetary Settlements
- Administrative Sanctions
  - Fines
  - Exclusions





# Investigate

- Report suspicions early on
- Can you provide answers to who/when/where/why/how?
- Who else would know?
- What documents would corroborate my suspicions?





# What Next?

- Coordination with OIGs/FBI/State Investigators and Auditors
- Interviews by investigators
- Review of financial records/reports/policy
- Investigative techniques that could include undercover operations, recording of telephone conversations, search warrants, subpoenas





# Prosecute

- Agencies work early on with the U.S. Attorney's Office to address the elements of the criminal activity
- Provide interview reports, analysis of financial records and evidence
- Grand Jury





***Thank you !***

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