

# Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration

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## **J. Russell George Takes the Helm at TIGTA**

**Washington, D.C.** J. Russell George has assumed the leadership of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA). Nominated by President George W. Bush, Mr. George was confirmed by the Senate in November. He takes the reins of one of the largest and most complex inspector general operations in the Federal government.

Created by Congress in 1998, TIGTA oversees the IRS and its nearly 100,000 employees. On his role, Mr. George commented, "I am honored that the President has entrusted me to lead an organization that plays such a critical role in ensuring America's taxpayers have a full accounting of how their money is spent."

Since 2002, Mr. George has served as the Inspector General of the Corporation for National and Community Service. Mr. George comes to TIGTA with a wide breadth of experience in oversight. From 1995 to 2002, he served as Staff Director and Chief Counsel for the House Government Reform Committee's Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations. While on Capitol Hill, he helped craft the legislation creating TIGTA and the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, which has saved American taxpayers billions of dollars by improving the collection of debts owed to the federal government.

Mr. George also served as Assistant General Counsel in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and then as Policy Advisor in the George H.W. Bush White House. Prior to joining OMB, he was a prosecutor with the Queens County (NY) District Attorney's Office.

J. Russell George is a graduate of Howard University and Harvard University Law School. He resides in northern Virginia.

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