FOUNDING PROPOSAL

Protect trust. Deliver results.

Protect Minnesota’s public dollars, services and confidence by using data and independent expertise to uncover fraud, waste and abuse, recommend fixes and verify what changes.

Jacob

A plan to build an office that follows public dollars all the way to the services Minnesotans were promised.

MANDATE

A statewide view of public risk

The office connects evidence across programs, coordinates with agency IGs, and verifies that corrective action works.

Oversight

Follow the money, test controls and investigate credible concerns.

Insight

Share methods and help agencies put corrective actions into practice.

Foresight

Use authorized data to spot emerging risks and recommend safeguards.

Read the mandate →

OPERATING MODEL

A small core with specialist reach

An illustrative startup model sized for the work, with named owners and permanent security capability.

14 FTE

Core staff across leadership, intake, investigations, payment integrity, standards and foresight.

$3.37M

Modeled annual operating cost for the core.

$375K

Separate startup allowance. The model excludes agency-side work, MDE transfers and a sworn bureau.

See how evidence becomes results

PUBLIC EXPERIENCE

Make it easy to raise a concern

The proposed myOIG app brings reporting, public findings, recommendation tracking and agency resources into one place.

Report

Gio, guided choices, phone and language assistance illustrate an accessible front door.

Triage

Check jurisdiction, preserve evidence and route to the agency or enforcement partner with authority.

Close the loop

Publish cleared findings, show who owns each recommendation and verify what changes.

Try the myOIG app →

FIRST 100 DAYS

What the commission gets by day 100

A ranked risk list, working intake and referral procedures, and an initial review readout. The commission will see what the office tested, what the evidence supports, who can act, and what comes next.

Pick the first review

Use AI to group open findings and prior reports. Experts check the sources, confirm what remains open, and rank leads by risk and available evidence.

Read the commission Q&A →

Follow one payment

Where the evidence points to weak proof of service, trace a sample of payments from authorization to delivery. Widen the review if exceptions recur.

Show the evidence

Name who can act and what the office will verify next. If access stalls, report the blocker, its owner, and the next decision date.

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Give member offices evidence they can use

Give the legislature and agencies clear, nonpartisan evidence they can act on.

QLOG

A short brief on what prior findings show, what remains unverified, and which lead warrants a closer look.

Budget Lens

A short review of cost drivers, oversight capacity and questions behind selected funding requests.

Tailored advisory

Log and assess requests under published criteria. Preserve the Inspector General’s authority to start work independently.

Explore products and services

JUST-IN-TIME GUIDANCE

ping

A program-wide alert issued as needed, with timely guidance on a problem or a fix.

What changed

A fictional grant team receives a bank-change request shortly before payment.

What to do now

Verify through a contact already on file before changing where the money goes.

How it reaches people

Public channels lead to a scrollable alert, an action checklist and related tools.

Try the fictional sample ping

LEADERSHIP

Build the office and verify the work

Nearly a decade at GAO across two tours, including a House modernization detail, alongside private-company compliance leadership and government-contracting experience.

Develop findings

GAO oversight of public programs and congressional implementation work.

Deliver remediation

At TriMark USA, rebuilt compliance after a DOJ investigation and served as lead counsel for government contracts.

Serve Minnesota

Bring independent judgment, secure by-design methods and a clear record of what changed.

Read the leadership profile →

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Where should the office start?

The first review is a starting point. The commission can help surface urgent risks and barriers to launch.

Priority risk

Which program or payment flow should the office examine first?

Conditions for launch

What authority, data access and cooperation will make that work possible?

Evidence of progress

What would give the commission confidence that the office is protecting public dollars by day 100?