

December 18, 2012

# **GENERAL ITEM NO. 1**

#### RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT INSPECTOR GENERAL GUIDELINES

#### To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve the attached Resolution to adopt the Inspector General Guidelines.

The Deputy Chief Legal Officer and the Office of the General Counsel have completed all necessary due diligence to support the submission of these guidelines and recommend the approval of this item accordingly.

#### **CORPORATE GOAL**

To streamline and align guidelines\* with the City of Chicago.

## **EXPLANATION**

The proposed Inspector General Guidelines are consistent with those being adopted by the City of Chicago and its other sister agencies. The Guidelines address the following:

- the appointment of an Inspector General for a four year term by a majority of the Board of Commissioners;
- the provision of staff and resources by the Audit Committee;
- the reporting of the Inspector General to the Audit Committee; and
- the granting of certain powers and duties to the Inspector General, including:
  - o reviewing programs, policies, procedures and functions to identify and eliminate inefficiencies, waste and misconduct;
  - o receiving, registering and investigating complaints and information from any source, and cooperating with the Authority's Ethics Officer;
  - o requesting and receiving information related to investigations;
  - o investigating and reviewing the conduct and performance of the Authority's officers, employees, Board members, agents and contractors;
  - o issuing subpoenas in concurrence with the General Counsel or Chief Executive Officer;
  - o reporting results of investigations to the Audit Committee;
  - o maintaining operational independence from the Board; and
  - o requesting public hearings in furtherance of an investigation.

The Deputy Chief Legal Officer of the Office of the General Counsel concurs with the recommendation to adopt the Inspector General Guidelines.

The CEO/President recommends the adoption of the Inspector General Guidelines.

\*Amended language

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-CHA-112**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds and determines that it is necessary and in the best interests of the Authority to adopt the Inspector General Guidelines as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto;

# THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY

- Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The recitals set forth above are hereby found to be true and correct and are incorporated in their entirety as if fully set forth in this Section 1.
- Section 2. <u>Approval and Adoption of Inspector General Guidelines.</u> The Inspector General Guidelines as set forth in Exhibit A are hereby approved and adopted.
- Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect after its passage as provided by law.

