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OSIG's Annual Work Plan Highlights Cybersecurity, Tobacco Commission Audits

In a year when data breaches and hacks have dominated headlines, the Virginia Office of the State Inspector General will launch its fiscal year work plan with a cybersecurity audit of the commonwealth's sensitive computer systems, networks and data.

OSIG has contracted with Cotton and Company, LLC, an Alexandria-based firm that specializes in IT audit consulting, to determine if Virginia's government agencies have identified all sensitive systems, reported them to VITA and are in compliance with security and audit standards.

"Safeguarding citizen's data is a fundamental responsibility and priority for this administration," said Acting State Inspector General Michael Westfall. "Our objective is to increase accuracy in identifying sensitive systems and ensure compliance with cybersecurity standards across Virginia's executive branch," he said.

OSIG will also continue its oversight of the Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission by evaluating the effectiveness of a sample of grant programs focused on attracting new business, jobs and improving economic conditions in the face of a slowing tobacco industry. (Reviewing the Tobacco Commission's financial and administrative controls is an OSIG duty described in the Code of Virginia § [2.2-309.2](#).)

Other areas targeted for review include the Virginia Correctional Enterprises' furniture industry, a program that produces furnished goods for sale in the commonwealth with an overarching goal of reducing recidivism through job skills experience and training. OSIG will also study the Department of Corrections' oversight of medical and clinical services for inmates, the effectiveness of the Department of Housing and Community Development's Housing Assistance program in its efforts to reduce homelessness, as well as controls on chemical inventories at Virginia's colleges and universities.

"OSIG is at full staff and geared for a highly productive year," said Westfall. "We appreciate the support of the administration and our positive working relationship with state agencies as we move forward with our mission to improve efficiency and effectiveness in state government."

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