The mission of the DoD Hotline is to provide a confidential, reliable means for service members, DoD civilians, contractors, and the public, to report violations of law, rule or regulation, threats and danger to the public health and safety, detection and prevention of substantial or specific waste, mismanagement, misuse of government resources, fraud, waste and abuse, to the Department of Defense; as well as the Department of Justice.

For more information, visit us at www.dodig.mil. Below are highlights of DoD IG oversight.
Subcontractor employees are now covered. Subcontractor Whistleblowers

Defense Contractor and

• Initiating or participating in any DoD contract or grant.

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Actions taken by the employer at the request of a contractor or subcontractor with responsibility to investigate, correct, or review

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Employees must be notified of a whistleblower's rights, in writing, in the predominant native language of the workforce.

Effective Dates

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