

Wisconsin Department of Transportation: New Inspector General position created

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Position will work to eliminate inefficiencies, waste, fraud and abuse

At Governor Walker's direction, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) will create an Office of Inspector General position with a primary role in the Department to review all programs and initiatives for inefficiencies, waste, fraud and abuse. The position will serve as an executive level advisor to the Secretary along with working with the executive leadership in the Department. The primary role of the Inspector General is to review WisDOT policy and practices looking for cost savings and efficiencies, then to make recommendations for implementing policy and program improvements.

The Governor signed Executive Order #255 last Thursday which created the Office of the Inspector General at WisDOT. The Executive order details the role and responsibilities for the Office and requires a report to be submitted to the Secretary in December of 2018 and continuing biennially from that date forward. The report will detail all findings and recommendations from that office on reforming the Department. The Governor has been committed to providing a high level of accountability and fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers of Wisconsin.

"I would like to thank the Governor for providing us this leadership as we work to

improve the way that we do business here at the Department of Transportation,” stated Secretary Dave Ross. “WisDOT has great potential to accomplish more within our current budget.” “We are committed to finding savings and putting these savings into improved roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure.”

The use of Offices of Inspector General in other states have proven an effective tool to identify and make changes to improve efficiencies and safeguards for the taxpaying public. The Office will work to ensure the safety and efficiency of our transportation system will be maintained in the most cost effective and accountable manner possible.

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