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D.C. OIG HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL DISTRICT OVERSIGHT SYMPOSIUM

Washington, D.C. – In honor of the OIG's 40th Anniversary, yesterday, Inspector General Daniel W. Lucas held the District's first Annual Oversight Symposium. Over 75 District leaders and employees joined the OIG today to discuss the oversight responsibilities within the District.

The symposium was designed to facilitate a shared understanding of oversight responsibilities within the District; create a synergetic oversight environment such that leadership, internal oversight, and external oversight bodies can work as a collective system for District residents; and build oversight capacity within the District.

The Inspector General, joined by the OIG's oversight partners from BEGA and the DC Auditor, in addition to Mayor Bowser, Chairman Mendelson, Attorney General Racine, and Chief Financial Officer DeWitt, imparted upon attendees the importance of synergetic oversight to ensure the efficient and use of District resources to deliver maximum value to District residents.

Inspector General Lucas noted during today's symposium, "Providing oversight of District operations is everyone's responsibility and we should all view ourselves as the first and last line of defense working together to maximize our capacity to serve our constituents." Lucas also noted that, "the bottom line is we are one government, when one of the oversight agencies shows up, their goal is to deliver unvarnished truth about operations for the betterment of government."

Inspector General Lucas added, "Mayor Bowser's address at the Oversight Symposium spoke to her commitment to the District, while ensuring her message from the top, positioned all attendees to understand the importance of oversight here."

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