

METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION
DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

INSPECTOR GENERAL

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METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO INSPECTOR GENERAL

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD or District) seeks an experienced, independent, and ethical leader to serve as its Inspector General. This executive role is responsible for preventing, detecting, and investigating corruption, fraud, waste, abuse, mismanagement, unlawful political discrimination, and other misconduct. The Inspector General will establish and lead the office, direct sensitive investigations, oversee its staff and budget, and strengthen accountability, transparency, and public trust across the organization.



ABOUT THE METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

MWRD is a unit of local government created by Illinois statute responsible for treating wastewater and stormwater management for nearly all of Cook County, IL. MWRD is a nationally recognized environmental steward, entrusted with protecting public health, preserving water quality, and strengthening the long-term resilience of the greater Chicago region. Serving the City of Chicago and more than 120 surrounding communities, the District's work directly impacts millions of residents and one of the nation's most vital freshwater resources—Lake Michigan.

MWRD designs, operates, and maintains a vast and highly sophisticated system of wastewater treatment facilities, pumping stations, reservoirs, and tunnels that treat billions of gallons of wastewater each day to help alleviate flooding and support regional economic vitality. Beyond its core treatment responsibilities, the District has assumed a leadership role in stormwater management, climate adaptation, infrastructure reinvestment, and environmental sustainability, addressing both current needs and long-term regional challenges.

Governed by an elected nine-member Board of Commissioners and supported by a diverse, multidisciplinary workforce, MWRD manages significant public assets, major capital investments, and complex regulatory obligations. As a high-profile public institution with substantial fiscal, operational, and environmental responsibility, the District is deeply committed to transparency, ethical governance, and accountability to the communities it serves.

MWRD'S INSPECTOR GENERAL

Pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement with MWRD, the Cook County Office of the Independent Inspector General provided Inspector General services for MWRD from 2019 to 2025. MWRD currently has an Interim Inspector General who will serve until MWRD appoints its Inspector General.

MWRD's establishment of an independent Office of Inspector General (OIG) represents a critical investment in MWRD's continued commitment to integrity, public trust, and responsible stewardship of public resources. The Inspector General serves as an independent, non-partisan authority charged with promoting efficiency, accountability, and ethical conduct throughout the District.

The Inspector General is empowered to prevent, detect, and investigate fraud, waste, abuse, corruption, mismanagement, and other forms of misconduct; to evaluate District operations and internal controls; and to recommend corrective actions that strengthen governance and organizational performance. The Inspector General operates with independence and discretion, providing objective oversight while fostering a culture of compliance, transparency, and continuous improvement.

As a strategic leader, the Inspector General will work constructively with the Board of Commissioners, executive leadership, employees, and external partners to maintain public confidence in the District's operations and decision-making.



KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Establish the OIG and hire the initial staff required to carry out its mission.
- Establish, implement, and maintain policies, procedures, and fraud detection tools for the OIG.
- Direct the OIG's day-to-day operations.
- Manage and oversee complex, confidential investigations based on complaints or good-faith allegations of waste, fraud, abuse, or corruption.
- Issue document requests, record review requests, and subpoenas; advise on investigative plans and strategies; support interviews; gather evidence to initiate legal action.
- Review reports of suspected fraud and misconduct to determine whether further investigation is warranted.
- Prepare and/or review written reports of investigative findings and recommendations.
- Issue quarterly reports to the Board of Commissioners and Executive Director concerning results of OIG investigations.
- Maintain confidentiality with respect to investigative files and proceedings as required by Ordinance.
- Represent the OIG in public and with official contacts; provide testimony before administrative bodies or in court.
- Direct preparation and administration of the OIG budget.
- Assign, supervise, and review the work of OIG personnel, including hiring, training, development, evaluation, promotion, and discipline.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Juris Doctor from an accredited law school.
- Licensed to practice law in any U.S. state.
- Ten years of federal, state, or local government experience as an attorney or judge.
- At least five years' experience conducting or adjudicating complex investigations involving allegations such as fraud, theft, deception, or conspiracy.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Certified Inspector General designation from the Association of Inspectors General.
- Licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois.
- Admission to practice before the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

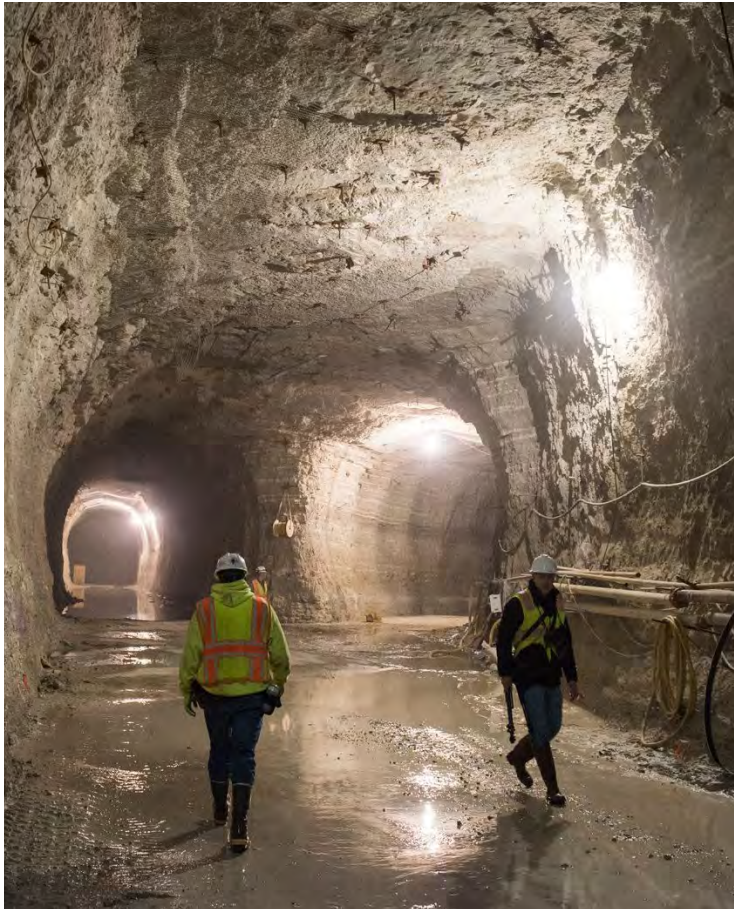
KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

- Deep knowledge of investigative practices, tools, and techniques used in matters involving public corruption, waste of government assets, abuse of public trust, and fraud in government.
- Knowledge of codes, laws, statutes, ordinances, and precedents governing the organization and relevant jurisdictions.
- Strong leadership skills in organizing, directing, and supervising professional staff engaged in confidential investigative work.
- Excellent written, verbal, and courtroom communication skills.
- Ability to handle highly confidential and sensitive information with sound judgment and discretion.

LOCATION

The OIG will be located at MWRD's Main Office Building, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, IL 60611.





COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS/DOMICILE/TERM

The Inspector General's starting salary is \$183,905.28 with a robust benefits package that includes medical and dental insurance, eligibility for retirement benefits, and paid time off. Domicile/residency within the boundaries of the MWRD is required within six months of start date. Relocation assistance is available for the selected candidate. The Inspector General's term will be six years and may be renewed.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested individuals should submit a resume and cover letter to the attention of Charlene Stevens, MGT Vice President, or Maureen Barry, MGT Senior Consultant, at GovHRjobs.com by May 1, 2026.

Confidential inquiries can be made to the listed individuals at 847-380-3240. The MWRD is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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