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Pinellas County Division of Inspector General Working to Receive 3rd Statewide Reaccreditation

The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. Assessment Team invites public comments

In an effort to retain its state level accreditation, the Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Division of Inspector General (Pinellas County IG), is undergoing its 3rd Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) assessment. The Pinellas County IG became the first local government agency in the nation, and first Florida Clerk of the Court and Comptroller's office, to be awarded the status as an Accredited Office of Inspector General by the CFA on February 3, 2010, and achieved their first reaccreditation on February 21, 2013.

The examination is part of a voluntary process to gain reaccreditation, which is a highly prized recognition for Offices of Inspector General professional excellence. The assessment team is composed of investigators from other Florida Offices of Inspector General. The CFA reaccreditation process consists of assessing the IG agency on 46 standards. In order to earn reaccreditation by the CFA, the Pinellas County IG must comply with 41 of these standards, those which are applicable to areas of responsibility and jurisdiction. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed.

A team of CFA assessors will arrive on Wednesday, December 5, 2018, to examine all aspects of the Pinellas County IG's Public Integrity Unit (investigations section), including policies, procedures, management, operations, and support services. As part of the on-site assessment, agency members and the public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. For more information regarding the CFA or to offer written comments about the Pinellas County IG, please write to CFA, P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida, 32302 or email info@flaccreditation.org.

Once the CFA Assessment Team completes their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc., which will then decide if the Pinellas County IG is to receive its 3rd re-accredited status. Reaccreditation occurs every three years.

For more information, please contact Hector Collazo Jr., Inspector General and Chief Audit Executive at (727) 464-8371 or send an email to hcollazo@mypinellasclerk.org

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