

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Barbara J. Wooten is the senior female investigator for the General Services Administration Office of Inspector General (GSA-OIG). As the Assistant Regional Inspector General for Investigations of the Washington Field Investigations Office, Ms. Wooten supervises highly sensitive investigations of individuals and complex inquiries into allegations of contract fraud.

Ms. Wooten received her Bachelor of Science degree in biology and chemistry with a minor in criminal justice from the University of California at Irvine in 1977. She began her Federal career with the United States Postal Service as a letter carrier in Laguna Hills, CA. She quickly rose to a general supervisory position with the Delivery and Collection Division in both Huntington Beach and Beverly Hills.

As a postal manager, Ms. Wooten had the opportunity to assist postal inspectors during several investigations. These experiences and her interest in law enforcement convinced her to change careers and use her criminal justice background.

In 1984, Ms. Wooten entered the law enforcement profession as a Postal Inspector in the Fort Worth office of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. Four years later, she moved to Washington, DC, and accepted a position as a special agent with the GSA-OIG's Washington Field

Investigations Office.

Her superior skills were readily apparent, and within two years she was promoted to senior special agent. As a team leader, Ms. Wooten led several key investigations that provided challenges to both her investigative and management abilities. As a result of her mastery of investigative operations, Ms. Wooten was promoted to Assistant Regional Inspector General for Investigations in September 1991.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Debra Miller has been selected as Investigative Manager at the NASA Office of Inspector General (OIG), Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC), Greenbelt, MD. In her new position, Ms. Miller is responsible for the day-to-day management of the investigative program of the GSFC-OIG, one of nine field offices of the NASA-OIG.

Ms. Miller began her career as a Criminal Investigator with the State of Florida Auditor General's Office. She also worked for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) OIG prior to joining the NASA-OIG in December 1987.

Ms. Miller graduated from Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida. She currently resides in Catonsville, Maryland, with her husband and three children.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Inspector General (OIG), was administratively established on January 29, 1972, and statutorily mandated on October 12, 1978, when Congress passed the Inspector General Act (P.L. 95-452). The mission of HUD-OIG is to conduct audits and investigations of HUD programs and activities to determine their efficiency and effectiveness and to prevent and detect fraud and abuse. This mission is carried out with a nationwide staff of auditors, criminal investigators, computer specialists, management analysts and others.

On July 22, 1973, HUD-OIG hired its first woman criminal investigator trainee (GS-5), in the Fort Worth, TX, Regional Office. The criminal investigator staff currently has twenty-six women special agents assigned throughout the ten regional offices and the headquarters office in Washington, DC. HUD-OIG recently selected women for the positions of Assistant Regional Inspector General for Investigation (GM-14) in San Francisco and Inspector (GS-14) in the Headquarters office.

HUD-OIG has hired several women agents through the upward mobility program, as well as the student coop program, which has enabled the agents to start at the trainee level and progress to senior level investigators.