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TVA Office of Inspector General Ranked Number One Among 320 Federal Subcomponents

The TVA Office of the Inspector General (OIG) headquartered in Knoxville, Tennessee, has been named one of the Best Places to Work in the Federal Government. The award was given in a ceremony in Washington, D.C., today by the non-profit Partnership for Public Service and Deloitte which does the ranking. The ranking is based upon the annual Employee Viewpoint Survey conducted of federal government employees by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). The TVA OIG was ranked number one out of 320 federal agency subcomponents.

For the first time since the Best Places to Work in the Federal Government® rankings were launched, the Partnership for Public Service grouped 75 federal organizations into six mission areas: Public Health, Law Enforcement, National Security, Energy and Environment, Financial Regulation, and Oversight. The Oversight category includes the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and Offices of Inspectors General. TVA OIG ranked highest in this oversight category as well.

Inspector General Richard Moore said, "Our OIG team has worked extremely hard to create and sustain a productive work environment that is focused on making TVA better. To be rated as the number one Oversight office in the federal government is a high honor for our office. I am proud of my very engaged team and the important work they perform to provide an independent perspective on TVA operations. Ultimately, our mission is to help TVA be better and keep electricity rates low for the people of the Tennessee Valley."

Michael Anderson, Chair of the OIG Leadership Council, accepted the award for the TVA OIG Tuesday and said, "We work as a team and support each other. Our people are excited about our work and the opportunity to serve the people of the Valley. We have a good working relationship with TVA management who implements our recommendations to improve TVA's operations. We understand our mission is important and this award recognizes that we have an engaged work force that is well positioned to be successful in our mission of helping TVA be better."

The Oversight category provides the following distinction: The Inspector General Act of 1978 created independent, nonpartisan offices within dozens of federal departments and agencies responsible for conducting investigations, audits, and evaluations with the goal of preventing waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement. In addition, the GAO, the watchdog organization for Congress, investigates waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement across the government. The inspectors general at each of the agencies and the GAO predominantly employ individuals in accounting, budgeting, investigative occupations, and law.

The purpose of reporting the rankings by categories is to examine agencies that have similar responsibilities, and employ workers with comparable occupations, to see if there are commonalities or discrepancies in employee satisfaction and commitment. The data allows agency officials to learn from one another and gain insights about how they can better meet the needs of their workers, according to the Partnership for Public Service's Web site.

This is TVA OIG's first year participating in OPM's FedView survey and inclusion in the Partnership for Public Service ranking. Best Places to Work in the Federal Government's Web site is at www.bestplacestowork.org.