Inspector General

2026-0002-INVI-P — Consumption of Alcohol While on Duty

The Architect of the Capitol (AOC) Office of Inspector General (OIG) received allegations that an AOC employee repeatedly departed their assigned duty location during scheduled work hours, while in official uniform, to consume alcohol at a nearby establishment before returning to Capitol grounds to complete their shift.

OIG initiated an administrative investigation into potential violations of AOC policy.

During the course of the investigation, OIG personnel observed the employee consuming alcoholic beverages while on duty and in official uniform. Additionally, during a recorded administrative interview, the employee admitted to consuming alcohol on multiple occasions at the establishment while on duty.

OIG obtained and reviewed surveillance video and point-of-sale transaction records, which also corroborated the employee's presence at the bar during scheduled work hours and confirmed alcohol purchases consistent with the employee's admission.

Based on the employee's admission, direct observation by OIG personnel, and corroborating documentary evidence, the OIG substantiated violations of the AOC Standards of Conduct, Time and Attendance, and Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace Policies.

Final Management Action: On March 6, 2026, OIG's Report of Investigation was submitted to AOC management for any action deemed appropriate. On August 19, 2026, the AOC advised OIG that the employee was removed from the agency effective May 29, 2026. The case is closed.