Inspector General

2026-0010-INVI-P — Alleged Administrative Violations by an Architect of the Capitol (AOC) Manager

The AOC Office of Inspector General (OIG) received allegations that an AOC manager had utilized AOC duty time and resources to complete the writing and publication of a personal novel. Further, the allegations also alleged that the manager utilized AOC time to promote the novel to visitors and special guests of the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center (CVC). OIG initiated an investigation into the potential violations of AOC policy.

OIG's investigation identified testimonial and documentary evidence that substantiated the allegations of AOC administrative policy violations, including promoting their novel to visitors attending events at the CVC.

OIG's investigation found by a preponderance of the evidence that the manager's actions were in violation of the AOC Standards of Conduct, Government Ethics, Information Technology (IT) Resources and De Minimis Use, and Time and Attendance policies. Although the evidence established that the manager used some AOC duty time and IT resources for their personal book-related activities, OIG could not reliably quantify the total amount because their official duties potentially involved overlapping research.

Final Management Action:

On July 15, 2026, OIG submitted the Report of Investigation to AOC management. On June 26, 2026, prior to the completion of OIG's investigation, the manager resigned from the AOC. The case is closed.