

# Office of Governmental Accountability



## *At a Glance*

*(Public Act 11-48 created the Office of Governmental Accountability, which is made up of nine formerly independent agencies)*

**DAVID L GUAY, Executive Administrator**

***Established – July 1, 2011***

***Statutory authority - Public Act 11-48***

***Central office - 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, CT 06106; 860 256-2999***

***Number of full-time employees – 86***

***Recurring operating expenses - \$7,907,901 for Fiscal Year 2012***

***Organizational structure – Office of the Executive Administrator and nine independent divisions; Freedom of Information Commission, Board of Firearms Permit Examiners, Judicial Review Council, Judicial Selection Commission, Office of the Child Advocate, Office of State Ethics, Office of the Victim Advocate, State Contracting Standards Board and State Elections Enforcement Commission.***

## **Mission**

***With a spirit and commitment to service; the Office of the Executive Administrator provides the support services required for the front line Boards, Commissions, Offices and Council of the Office of Governmental Accountability to perform their important missions.***

## **Statutory Responsibility**

The Office of Governmental Accountability (OGA) was established in 2011 as the single agency in charge of providing administrative services to nine former standalone agencies. OGA's services allow the state to save money by taking advantage of economies of scale and streamlining services and processes.

In accordance with Public Act 11-48, the Office of Governmental Accountability (OGA) provides personnel, payroll, affirmative action, administrative and business office functions, including information technology, for its divisions:

1. Freedom of Information Commission,
2. Board of Firearms Permit Examiners,
3. Judicial Review Council,
4. Judicial Selection Commission,
5. Office of the Child Advocate,
6. Office of State Ethics,
7. Office of the Victim Advocate,
8. State Contracting Standards Board and
9. State Elections Enforcement Commission.

### **Public Service**

OGA provides personnel, payroll, affirmative action, administrative and business functions, including information technology, property and facilities management to its nine divisions. With this consolidated effort, OGA provides statewide efficiencies by sharing resources, providing expertise, and promoting consistent application of applicable rules and processes.

### **Improvements/Achievements for Fiscal Year 2011-2012**

Accomplishments include:

- Developing and implementing a single OGA website, which showcases the existing divisions as part of OGA;
- Support for the consolidation of information technology (IT) for the nine divisions. This includes IT inventory, equipment, capacity planning, procurement and the development of a plan for future fiscal year needs;
- Working with the state's accounting team at CORE-CT to create and execute a single accounting system and human resources platform for the new agency, which includes all of the nine divisions.
- Submitting the first ever OGA budget request to the Office of Policy and Management, a collegial effort by all nine divisions along with the EA;
- Partnering with the Department of Administrative Services to consolidate more of OGA divisions at 18-20 Trinity Street in Hartford, further improving administrative support for these small divisions;
- Providing administrative support for the Board of Firearms Permit Examiners when an emergency caused the extended absence of its lone employee;

- Providing a consolidated affirmative action report which was approved by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities;
- Preparing and following up on office position refill requests, with significant interface with the Department of Administrative Services and the Office of Policy and Management;
- Reconfiguring the EA and other OGA staff into a more efficient and effective space set-up to maximize administrative support for all of the divisions.