

The Honorable Eric M. Thorson
Inspector General
The Department of the Treasury

Eric Thorson was nominated to be Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury by the President in November 2007 and confirmed by the Senate on August 1, 2008. As Inspector General, Mr. Thorson conducts independent oversight of the Treasury, keeping the Secretary and Congress informed through independent audits and investigations. As the Treasury Inspector General, he serves on the Recovery, Accountability and Transparency Board responsible for the oversight of the \$700+ billion stimulus package and on the National Procurement Fraud Task Force chaired by the Department of Justice Criminal Division. He was also named by the recent Dodd-Frank Act to be the Chairman of the Council of Inspectors General for Financial Oversight.

Before joining the Treasury, Mr. Thorson served as the Inspector General of the U.S. Small Business Administration, where his office uncovered one of the largest government-backed loan fraud schemes in history.

In 1997 Mr. Thorson became the Chief Investigator for the Senate Finance Committee. Prior to this Mr. Thorson was the Chief Investigator for the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. His investigations resulted in Senate hearings on such topics as "Russian Organized Crime Within the U.S." and Gulf War "friendly fire" deaths.

Mr. Thorson has also served in the Pentagon as the Deputy Assistant Secretary, and as Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Mr. Thorson is a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, and is a past president and chairman of the Academy's alumni association. He served as an Air Force pilot in Southeast Asia and is a recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross.