

## INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2011-02-0069

March 31, 2011

## SPD AUDIT INVESTIGATION #32

Inspector General Staff Attorney Kristi Shute, after an investigation by Special Agent Darrell Boehmer, reports as follows:

On February 11, 2011, the Office of the Inspector General ("OIG") received information from the State Personnel Department ("SPD") stating that a former Department of Veterans' Affairs ("DVA") employee possibly carried an ineligible spouse on her state provided health insurance. The SPD requested the OIG's assistance in determining the spouse's eligibility.

The SPD conducted a dependent eligibility verification audit using third party administrator AON Consulting. On June 29, 2010, AON Consulting sent the former DVA employee a letter requesting that she complete and return the enclosed Affidavit Signature Form and provide documentation for her spouse to verify his eligibility. A copy of her marriage license and the front page of her 2009 federal tax return showing her marital status as married were required to complete the audit. She did not respond to this request.

The former DVA employee was given two additional extensions, but, as

of February 11, 2011, had not responded to or complied with the audit. To verify eligibility, Special Agent Boehmer contacted several State agencies and determined that the former DVA employee was married on October 21, 2008. He also discovered that her 2009 federal tax retuned showed that she filed jointly with her husband.

Since it has been determined that the claimed spouse was eligible to be on the former employee's state provided health insurance and no fraud was discovered, this investigation is closed.

Dated this 31st day of March, 2011.

## APPROVED BY:

/s/ David O. Thomas, Inspector General