

REFERENCE GUIDE

Integrity Monitors and the Sandy Fraud Working Group

- ✓ The Statewide Sandy Fraud Working Group, created by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG or OAG's Working Group), is New Jersey's central clearinghouse for data-gathering, investigation, and prosecution of civil and criminal fraud related to Superstorm Sandy and the disaster recovery process.
- ✓ The Statewide Sandy Fraud Working Group consists of representatives of the State Divisions of Criminal Justice and Consumer Affairs, State Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor, New Jersey State Police, various county prosecutors' offices, and other state agencies, including the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC).
- ✓ OSC's mission is to promote integrity and transparency at all levels of New Jersey government by examining the efficiency of government programs, investigating misconduct, waste and abuse and scrutinizing the legality of government contracts.
- ✓ The law requires integrity monitors to immediately report a finding of a likely criminal violation or a lesser degree of waste, fraud or abuse to OAG's Working Group. OAG's Working Group can be contacted at SANDYFRAUD@NJDCJ.ORG.
- ✓ OAG and OSC may review copies of the statutorily required quarterly reports, as well as the monthly reports required by the State Treasurer, but it remains the obligation of integrity monitors to aid and track the progress of the appropriate local contract managers in correcting any identified deficiencies and in pursuing the recommended resolutions.
- ✓ Integrity monitors should coordinate with OAG's Working Group to ensure these reports do not include information which may compromise a potential criminal investigation or prosecution.
- ✓ Please also ensure that OAG's Working Group information, which can be found here: <http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/stopsandyfraud/index.htm> and OSC's Sandy Fraud Prevention Hotline poster, which can be found here: http://nj.gov/comptroller/sandytransparency/home/pdf/fraud_poster.pdf, is available at all relevant Sandy work sites.