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OIG JOINS BOSTON BOMBING INTELLIGENCE REVIEW

WASHINGTON (April 30, 2013) - The Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General (DHS OIG), has joined forces with three other Federal Inspectors General to conduct coordinated reviews of the U.S. Government's handling of intelligence information leading up to the Boston Marathon bombing on April 15.

The joint effort also includes the Inspectors General of the Intelligence Community, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Department of Justice. The reviews will examine the information available to the U.S. Government before the bombings, and the information sharing protocols and procedures followed between and among the intelligence and law enforcement agencies.

"It is vital that we determine all the facts surrounding this tragic event, and thereby provide the entire law enforcement community with lessons learned and valuable insights into how to best deter terrorism," said DHS OIG Deputy Inspector General Charles K. Edwards. "Combining our efforts and utilizing each office's unique expertise is the most efficient and effective way for us to proceed."

The review was proposed by Edwards and the other participating Inspectors General and has the support of James R. Clapper, Director of National Intelligence.

For its part, the DHS OIG will focus on the roles and actions of DHS components, including U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Directorate for National Protection and Programs and the Office of Intelligence and Analysis.

The Inspectors General emphasized that their reviews will be coordinated to reduce duplication of effort and to ensure that they do not interfere with any ongoing intelligence activities or criminal investigations and prosecutions related to the Boston Marathon bombings.