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Brent Arronte was appointed as the Deputy Assistant Inspector General (DAIG) for Audits and Evaluations (OAE), Headquarters Operations in August 2015. As the Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Headquarters Operations, Mr. Arronte is responsible for leading, directing, and monitoring four regional field offices (those offices are focused on oversight of VA's Veterans Benefits Administration), the Management Operations Division, the Quality Assurance Division, the Hotline Division, Strategic Initiatives and Risk Division and Statistical operations. These 9 divisions are geographically dispersed and represent a workforce of approximately 100 auditors, inspectors, and management analysts, ranging in grades from GS-5 to GS-15. Mr. Arronte was instrumental in the creation of the congressionally mandated Office of Inspector General (OIG) Benefits Inspection program and served as Director of the Benefits Inspection Division in San Diego, California and the Benefits Inspection Division in Bay Pines, Florida.



Mr. Arronte has extensive experience reviewing mission-critical systems and Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) initiatives, performed numerous reviews of VBA programs, and addressed highly sensitive allegations of mismanagement in VBA. Mr. Arronte's field offices provide independent audits, evaluations, and inspections of VBA's activities to ensure the integrity of its programs and operations. His work products report on current performance and accountability of such diverse areas such as VBA's programs related to compensation and pension benefits, fiduciary management, education and vocational rehabilitation, home loan guaranty, and insurance programs. Further, he has participated as a witness at 10 congressional hearings and three Senate field hearings since 2009. Additionally, Mr. Arronte has provided a combined total of 42 briefings before the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees and the Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation.

Mr. Arronte holds a Master degree in Public Administration from Troy University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Management from Colorado Christian University. He also completed the Federal Executive Institute's Leadership for a Democratic Society and American University's Key Executive Leadership Certificate Program in the School of Public Affairs. In 2016, Mr. Arronte completed the Harvard Kennedy School of Government certification in Leadership Decision Making: Optimizing Organizational Performance. In FY 2014, Mr. Arronte completed leadership development at The Lincoln Leadership Institute at Gettysburg.