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Ms. Anne Richards is currently the Acting Deputy Chief Operating Officer at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General (DHS OIG). Prior to assuming her current role, she served as the Assistant Inspector General for Audits since 2007. Under her direction, the Office of Audits examined all component and programmatic functions of the Department of Homeland Security, promoting effectiveness, efficiency and economy in DHS' programs and operations, including securing our Nation's borders, increasing readiness, building capacity in the face of a terrorist threat or a natural disaster, and enhancing security in our transportation systems and trade operations.

Prior to joining the Office of Inspector General at DHS, Ms. Richards was Assistant Inspector General for Audits at the U.S. Department of the Interior from 2005-2007 and was previously the Regional Audit Manager for the Central Region. From 1984 to 1999 Ms. Richards worked with the U.S. Army Audit Agency.

Ms. Richards has received numerous awards for her leadership and contributions to promoting the integrity of Federal programs. She was awarded the Office of Inspector General Team Award in 2005 and 2002, and honored with the Office of Inspector General Distinguished Service Award in 2001. She received the U.S. Army Audit Agency Change Leader Award in 1996 and the Northern Virginia Association of Government Accountants Service Award in 1994. Anne Richards earned an MPA from Troy State University, a BA from Franklin and Marshall College, and is a CPA in the Commonwealth of Virginia.