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IRAQ Integrity Project

Overview

The future stability of Iraq will largely be determined by the integrity of its new government. A government office was created in Iraq in 2003, the Commission on Public Integrity or “CPI”. It is the first office of its type in Iraq and has over 1000 staff members. The purpose of this office is to eradicate corruption in all levels of the Iraqi government. The executives of this office have not had the opportunity to interact with the international anti-corruption community and have not had training commensurate with the task they are undertaking.

The international ethics and anti-corruption community has a conference once every 2 to 3 years. This year, it will take place in Guatemala in November. See: www.I2iacc.org There will be over 1500 people attending this conference—the world’s experts in corruption prevention. Officials of the Iraq Integrity Office will greatly benefit from this conference and it will be the key to their success in the future. It will be the first interaction of the Iraq Integrity Office with the international anti-corruption field.

City Ethics and the International Forum Institute (IFI) have partnered to support the CPI in its endeavors. IFI is a 501C3 tax exempt non-profit organization dedicated to promoting

global cooperation, understanding and human rights. IFI takes great pride in supporting programs in the Muslim world to empower women in all aspects of their lives. City Ethics, also a 501C3 tax exempt non-profit organization, is comprised of governmental ethics specialists in Canada, Australia and the United States. It is affiliated with the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws of North America or "COGEL". Carla Miller is the President and Founder of City Ethics and is an officer of COGEL.

City Ethics and IFI have agreed to undertake the organization of the first phase of this project which is to get 6 Iraqi executives from the Iraqi Integrity Office to the International Anti-Corruption Conference in Guatemala. Following the conference, the attendees will travel to Miami, Florida to interact with anti-corruption officers from across the United States.

This project will be coordinated by City Ethics and IFI on a volunteer basis and no salaries will be paid.

Additionally, this project will be coordinated with the U.S. State Department and has the support and endorsement of the following organizations:

- *Transparency International*
- *The University of North Florida Ethics Center*
- *Florida Coastal School of Law*
- *Miami-Dade Ethics Commission*
- *The Inspector General's Office of Miami Dade*
- *The National Association of Inspector Generals of the U.S.*

The Commission on Public Integrity

The Commission on Public Integrity (CPI), led by Judge Radhi Hamza Al-Radhi, is dedicated to preventing and investigating corruption in all levels of the Iraqi government nationwide. It is the coordinating umbrella organization for the other two pillars (The Board of Supreme Audit and Inspector General Program) of the national strategic anti-corruption campaign.

The CPI seeks to promote and advance open, honest and accountable government through public education and awareness programs allowing citizens to report corruption through anonymous means.

CPI works closely with the Inspectors General (IGs) of each Ministry and with the Board of Supreme Audit (BSA) to coordinate anti-corruption efforts.

CPI is also working with Ministry of Education officials to implement curricular materials in ethics, human rights and civics in public schools.

There are 1000 employees of the CPI, in three districts in Iraq.

International Anti-Corruption Conference Series

Purpose:

"...to stimulate the global exchange of experience and methodology in controlling corruption and foster international cooperation among citizens and institutions from all parts of the world".

From: The International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) - its guiding principle.