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ACCREDITATION TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT DEPARTMENT OF LOTTERY, OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

TALLAHASSEE – A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive August 3, 2022, to examine all aspects of the Office of Inspector General's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services. The Office of Inspector General must comply with approximately 48 standards in order to receive accredited status.

As part of the onsite assessment, agency members and the general public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. Comments must be in writing and must address the office's ability to comply with CFA standards. A copy of the standards is available through the Department of Lottery, Office of Inspector General, in Tallahassee at 850-487-7726. For more information regarding CFA or for persons wishing to offer written comments about the ability of the Department of Lottery's Office of Inspector General to meet the standards of accreditation, please write: CFA, P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, FL 32302, or email info@flaccreditation.org.

According to Ray Pace, Accreditation Manager for the Department of Lottery's Office of Inspector General, the assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed. The CFA Assessment Team Leader is Inspector General Candie Fuller, Office of Inspector General, Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The second team member is Senior Management Analyst Caitlin Dawkins, Office of Inspector General, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Once the CFA's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to receive accredited status. The Department of Lottery's Office of Inspector General was initially accredited July 1, 2010. The accreditation is for a 3-year period and the Department of Lottery's Office of Inspector General was reaccredited on September 25, 2013, October 26, 2016, and October 2, 2019. Verification by the team that the Department of Lottery's Office of Inspector General meets the CFA's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain or maintain accreditation, a highly prized recognition of professional excellence.

ABOUT THE FLORIDA LOTTERY

The Florida Lottery is responsible for contributing more than \$41 billion to enhance education and sending more than 917,000 students to college through the Bright Futures Scholarship Program. The Florida Lottery reinvests 99 percent of its revenue back into Florida's economy through prize payouts, commissions to more than 13,000 Lottery retailers, and transfers to education. Since 1988, Florida Lottery games have paid more than \$80.5 billion in

prizes and made more than 3,500 people millionaires. For more information, please visit www.flalottery.com.

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