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## DOI ANNOUNCES ANNIVERSARY LOGO COMMEMORATING CITY WATCHDOG'S 140-YEAR SERVICE TO NEW YORK CITY

The New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI") will celebrate its 140<sup>th</sup> year in 2013. In honor of the event, ROSE GILL HEARN, DOI's longest-serving Commissioner, introduced an anniversary logo that commemorates the historical occasion and will be used on DOI publications and correspondence, and featured on its public website. Designed by DOI Inspector General, Robert Gigante, the image (pictured below) reflects the agency's Citywide reach and core values, while highlighting the agency's history.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "This year is a distinctive and venerable moment in DOI's history – 140 years of serving New York City and its taxpayers. Throughout, DOI's core mission has remained to root out fraud, waste, and abuse involving the City, and we have been successful. Unlike any other law enforcement agency, DOI bores into City practices and procedures to expose wrongdoing and undertakes a wide range of corruption investigations that stop crimes in progress and protect the public trust. This anniversary logo exemplifies DOI's historical import and its unique role within New York City."

Established July 18, 1873 in the wake of the massive Boss Tweed corruption scandal, DOI was first called the Office of the Commissioners of Accounts and became DOI in 1938 as part of Charter revisions. The agency's multi-faceted approach not only effects arrests (since 2002, DOI investigations have led to more than 5,900 arrests), but also seeks to change vulnerable City practices through recommendations (more than 2,200 adopted recommendations since 2002) and educate the public through corruption prevention lectures (nearly 5,000 lectures conducted since 2002). An array of significant criminal investigations marks the agency's 140-year history, including the unprecedented recovery last year of a half-billion dollars from the prime contractor in the implementation of CityTime. Today, DOI holds true to the agency's philosophy that corruption is most effectively fought holistically: through investigations and arrests; by strengthening government operations and controls to prevent corruption; and in educational initiatives that teach City employees and the public about corruption.

