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Jim Taylor was appointed Deputy Inspector General for Homeland Security on October 16, 2005. He is responsible for nearly 500 staff engaged in audit, inspections, and investigative activities across the department.

Prior to coming to DHS OIG, Jim spent 25 years in financial management in the federal government. He served as Deputy Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Commerce December 1999 through September 2005. Under Jim's leadership, the Department received its first clean financial statement audit opinion, eliminated all material weaknesses; and completed implementation of the department's first integrated financial management system. Commerce also achieved a "Green" status rating for financial management under the President's Management Agenda on the scorecard issued by OMB. As Chair of the federal CFO Council's Policy and practices Committee, Jim led the joint CFO – IG team that drafted the government-wide internal controls reporting requirements that were issued as Schedule A of OMB Circular A-123.

From 1993-1999, Jim served as the Deputy CFO of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. During his tenure, FEMA obtained that agency's first clean financial statement audit opinion; successfully implemented its first integrated financial management system, and created the agency's first working capital fund. Jim also served as Assistant Administrator for the Federal Insurance Administration from 1986-1993, where he was responsible for overseeing over \$ 2 billion of financial activities of the National Flood Insurance Program.

Jim was the 2005 recipient of the Donald L. Scantlebury Award, the federal government's highest award for financial management excellence; and in 2004 received the President's Distinguished Executive Award for Sustained Extraordinary Accomplishment and Leadership. He received his B.A. degree from Old Dominion University, and his MPA in finance from the University of Delaware, where he was a Public Service Fellow.