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Inspector General Thomas P. Charles announces the appointment of Winston M. Ford to the position of Deputy Inspector General for funds received through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (“ARRA”)

Inspector General Thomas P. Charles has appointed Winston M. Ford to the position of Deputy Inspector General for funds received through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (“ARRA”). This new deputy inspector general position was created with the passage of Am. Sub. H.B. 2, the state transportation budget bill, which was signed by Governor Ted Strickland on April 1, 2009.

As the Deputy Inspector General for ARRA, Mr. Ford will oversee and monitor state agencies’ distribution of federal stimulus funds, review contracts associated with projects paid for by such money and investigate allegations of wrongdoing related to those economic stimulus funds. Mr. Ford began his duties on April 13, 2009. He can be contacted at the Office of the Inspector General, 30 East Broad Street, Suite 2940, Columbus, Ohio 43215; or by calling 614-644-9110 or the Inspector General’s toll free number, 1-800-686-1525 (in Ohio only). Those persons wishing to file a complaint regarding alleged wrongdoing involving stimulus funds may download a copy of the complaint form by visiting our website at <http://watchdog.ohio.gov>.