



VANDER WEELE GROUP LLC
Making Monitoring Meaningful

A Woman-Owned Grants Oversight Firm

Agent Tipster™

AI-Powered Risk Detection For Grant Program Portfolios



Accelerate Discovery of High-Risk Anomalies

Federal Grant Key Figures

- **~\$1.1 Trillion** in Federal obligations for grants and cooperative agreements (FY 2024)
- **~146,000** Federal grant awards annually (FY 2024)



Oversight of the trillion-dollar Federal grant landscape is shifting, making your role as an independent watchdog critical like never before. With Washington's focus on rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse, the pressure is intense. New Federal directives are accompanied by heightened scrutiny and the deployment of cutting-edge technology, resulting in swift grant cancellations and recoveries from state programs.

The message for Inspectors General is clear: deliver audits and investigations of exceptional quality and speed to demonstrate that independent oversight is irreplaceable in maintaining public trust and government efficiency.

Proactive, AI-Driven Risk Assessment

Agent Tipster supercharges your risk-identification process. Leveraging vast troves of publicly available and other government data, this cutting-edge tool employs AI and machine learning models to pinpoint the most significant risks jeopardizing your grant programs. Our three-step data methodology includes:

- 1 Data Ingestion & Curation:** We identify, securely source, and rapidly ingest the most relevant, high-fidelity data streams.
- 2 Intelligent Processing & Validation:** We meticulously curate, merge, and clean data through automated pipelines. Data science experts and subject matter experts in audits and investigations rigorously **vet and validate** our proprietary AI conclusions to ensure actionable accuracy.
- 3 Dynamic Visualization & Delivery:** We transform insights into **consumable, easily actionable formats** (interactive dashboards, APIs, visualizations, tabular reports) that drive immediate action.

Our Deliverables

Agent Tipster is designed to help Inspectors General and other oversight teams quickly get to the bottom of areas of concern. It enriches your audit and investigative planning by providing a fresh perspective.

Your team will receive a report that includes:

- **Grants Portfolio:** A graphic profile of your agency's grant portfolio—its size, its programs, and fund use categories.
- **Trends:** Identification of relevant trends in your grants data.
- **Risks:** An aggregation of common audit findings in your grant programs with a special focus on fraud and material misspending. It elicits irregular trends and transactions.
- **Recommendations:** An outline of next steps.



Sample Tips from Agent Tipster

- In one program, some recipients earned more than **\$1 million** in interest income on projects not being built. Others invested grant funds and lost money.
- One hundred percent of payroll expenses were spent on overhead administration—**zero dollars** went into operating the program
- Single Audits reported the **exact same data** two years in a row. **Dollars did not add up**, suggesting questionable auditing.
- The awarding agency forwarded a grant reimbursement for the **precise dollar amount** as the grantee's losses on its Profit & Loss statement.
- Employee turnover was cited as a cause for a state failing to complete monitoring activities for **97% of its open subawards**.
- Weaknesses in subrecipient monitoring are a “**pervasive material weakness**” identified across at least **15 states**.
- Construction contracts routinely exceeded budgets **by more than 50%**.
- A series of payroll charges appeared in small increments of **16 cents**.

Why the Name “Agent Tipster”?

Our philosophy is that artificial intelligence is an advisor, not a judge. Every effective oversight tool has a distinct role, and we see AI’s purpose as a sophisticated tipster—a resourceful partner in intelligence gathering, as IGs know well that tips are the most common means to uncover fraud. Unvalidated AI should never be used to draw final conclusions. Instead, we use it to rapidly identify risks, irregular transactions, non-compliance trends, and inefficiencies, providing a reliable hint of where to look and what questions to ask.

This AI-driven intelligence dramatically increases your efficiency, but it doesn’t replace human expertise. Investigations and audits must still follow established protocols to validate the tip, ensuring that all final findings are based on solid evidence and professional judgment. Agent Tipster simply gives your team a critical head start.

Contact us today to see a sample of how Agent Tipster’s AI-generated tips can inform your audit and investigation plan.



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