

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Office of the Inspector General**



Inspector General

February 23, 2009

The Honorable Adrian M. Fenty  
Mayor  
District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Mayor's Correspondence Unit, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Suite 316  
Washington, D.C. 20004

**RE: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT**

Dear Mayor Fenty:

This report is to inform you of the recent sentencing of Michael Lorusso, former Deputy Director, Office of Property Management (OPM), who solicited and accepted bribes.

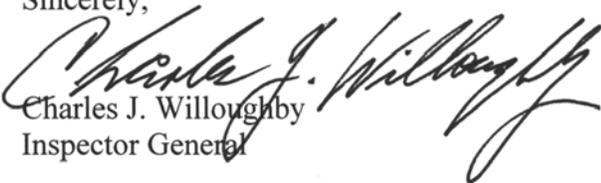
The investigation was conducted by the Office of the Inspector General and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Between 2001 and 2002, Mr. Lorusso violated city contracting rules as a D.C. government official by awarding, without competitive bidding, more than \$8 million in construction contracts to a company called International Builders, Inc. (IBI). IBI received profits in excess of \$2 million. In return, Mr. Lorusso accepted numerous illegal benefits to include cash, gifts, the use of luxury vehicles, and vacations.

In addition, between 2001 and 2002, Mr. Lorusso used his official position to benefit a real-estate company by arranging for the District to lease various properties from the company. In return, Mr. Lorusso received airfare, hotel rooms, gifts, and services paid for by the real-estate company.

On November 9, 2004, Mr. Lorusso entered a plea of guilty to bribery and conspiracy in connection with his participation in two bribery schemes. On January 27, 2009, Mr. Lorusso was sentenced to 180 days of home detention, 36 months of supervised probation, and 100 hours of community service.

If you need any additional information, please call me or Stacie Pittell, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, at (202) 727-2540. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2003-0150.

Sincerely,

  
Charles J. Willoughby  
Inspector General

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