

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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August 20, 2010

The Honorable Adrian M. Fenty
Mayor
District of Columbia
1340 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Mayor's Correspondence Unit, 2nd Floor, Suite 316
Washington, D.C. 20004

RE: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT

Dear Mayor Fenty:

This report is to inform you of the recent conviction and sentencing of five participants in a bribery and kickback scheme at the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO). The investigation, which was conducted jointly by the D.C. Office of the Inspector General and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, revealed that between September 2005 and March 2009, Yusuf Acar, the former OCTO acting Chief of Security, accepted bribes from Sushil Bansal, President and CEO of Advanced Integrated Technologies Corporation (AITC). Mr. Acar accepted the bribes in exchange for improperly favoring Mr. Bansal and his companies for the award of OCTO contracts, ensuring the approval of contractors proposed by Mr. Bansal and his companies, approving false and inflated time sheets and invoices for Mr. Bansal's employees, and falsely certifying the receipt of software purchased through Mr. Bansal and AITC.

Mr. Acar pled guilty on December 18, 2009, to bribery and engaging in monetary transactions in property derived from specified unlawful activity. On August 12, 2010, Mr. Acar was sentenced to two concurrent terms of 27 months in prison, three years of supervised release, and payment of \$558,978.50 in restitution. Both Mr. Bansal and AITC pled guilty on April 27, 2010, to bribery and engaging in monetary transactions in property derived from specified unlawful activity. Mr. Bansal was sentenced on August 6, 2010, to two concurrent terms of 20 months in prison and three years of supervised release. Mr. Bansal and AITC also were ordered to pay \$844,765.50 in restitution.

Farrukh Awan, a former OCTO employee, pled guilty on November 13, 2009, to conspiracy to commit wire fraud for conspiring with Mssrs. Acar and Bansal to deprive OCTO and the citizens of the District of Columbia of their right to the honest services of himself and Mr. Acar by influencing the approval of candidates recommended by AITC

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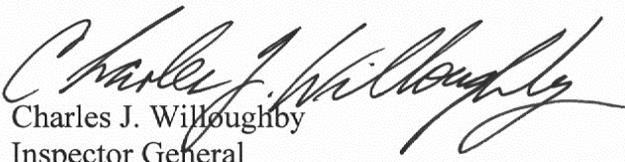
for positions at OCTO. After the candidates were approved, Mr. Bansal paid Msrs. Awan and Acar a portion of the hourly wage paid to AITC for each employee placed at OCTO. On August 12, 2010, Mr. Awan was sentenced to 14 months in prison, three years of supervised release, payment of \$156,807 in restitution, and forfeiture of \$46,647.50.

Sarosh Mir, a former AITC employee, pled guilty on August 13, 2009, to conspiracy to commit wire fraud in connection with his participation in the scheme by submitting false and fraudulent time sheets and invoices for payment. Mr. Mir was sentenced on April 16, 2010, to 24 months of probation, 80 hours of community service, and payment of \$124,000 in restitution.

Finally, Tawanna Sellmon, a former OCTO Program Financial Manager, pled guilty on September 17, 2009, to unlawful supplementation of government salary for accepting money from Mr. Bansal for allowing him to use her password to access OCTO data. On December 10, 2009, Ms. Sellmon was sentenced to 24 months of probation and 100 hours of community service.

If you need additional information, please feel free to call me or Stacie Pittell, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, at (202) 727-2540. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2008-0394.

Sincerely,



Charles J. Willoughby
Inspector General

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