GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General

Inspector General

October 19, 2011

The Honorable Vincent C. Gray
Mayor
District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Mayor's Correspondence Unit, 2nd Floor, Suite 316
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: Significant Activity Report

Dear Mayor Gray:

This report is to inform you that on October 12, 2011, a U.S. District Court judge sentenced Mona Odom, former President and Executive Director for LUR-N-ERN, a District-based nonprofit organization, to 3 years of supervised probation. Ms. Odom fraudulently obtained grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grant was administered by the HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD, and TB Administration (HAHSTA), an office within the D.C. Department of Health. In addition, the court ordered Ms. Odom to pay $15,180 in restitution.

Special Agent (SA) Stephen Eggleston of the D.C. Office of the Inspector General (OIG), SA Linna Jensen of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, SA Ronnyne Bannister of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development OIG, and SA Erin Fuchs of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services OIG conducted the investigation. The investigation revealed that Ms. Odom submitted falsified invoices to HAHSTA for time LUR-N-ERN personnel did not work. On August 3, 2011, Ms. Odom plead guilty to one count of False Statements in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 (a)(3).

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 2010-0066.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Willoughby
Inspector General

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