

## SUMMARY

### **Report on the Integrity of the R179 Procurement MTA/OIG Report #2012-03**

In October of this year, the president of NYC Transit personally informed the MTA Inspector General that a senior employee of NYC Transit reported that he had been contacted by a representative of a NYC Transit vendor regarding potential future employment. At the time of that contact, the employee was serving on the procurement selection committee (R179) for the purchase of subway cars regarding which the vendor had submitted a proposal. OIG initiated an investigation at the request of the acting chairman of the MTA Board and the president of NYC Transit to determine whether the procurement was compromised in any fashion.

As of this writing, the OIG has released two pertinent reports entitled: "Report on the Integrity of the R179 Procurement" and "Strengthening the MTA Vendor Code of Ethics." The first report reflected our investigation that revealed no evidence or reason to believe that the integrity of the procurement itself was corrupted or otherwise impaired. However, we found violations of the MTA Code of Ethics and the MTA Vendor Code of Ethics. In the second report we identified certain fundamental issues regarding distribution of, and compliance with, that Vendor Code of Ethics, which is applicable to vendors for all of the Authority's subsidiaries and affiliates. It should be noted that the agency accepted all of our findings and recommendations contained in both reports.

#### **Press**

[NY Daily News 03/28/2012 - MTA exec Mario Guerra hit on ethics over seeking job with subway-car maker](#)