

SUMMARY

Strengthening the MTA Vendor Code of Ethics MTA/OIG Report #2012-04

Our Office conducted an investigation concerning the integrity of a particular procurement in light of revelations that an MTA agency employee had discussions with a vendor/proposer's employees regarding future employment. Although our investigation revealed no evidence or reason to believe that the integrity of that procurement had been corrupted or otherwise impaired, or that any attempt to do so had been made, the investigation did identify certain fundamental issues regarding distribution of, and compliance with, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Vendor Code of Ethics ("Vendor Code" or "Code") applicable to vendors for all of the Authority's subsidiaries and affiliates.

The ability to provide a high standard of service is grounded in a strong work ethic, clear corporate policies, and the dedication of a creative work force. The adherence to a strict code of ethics is central to gaining and keeping the trust of our customers.

Because the basic rules of compliance are not now clearly stated in the Vendor Code, we believe that this Code must be clarified. All bids and proposals must emphasize that compliance with the Vendor Code is a material term of any bid or proposal.