

## **SUMMARY**

### **Vulnerabilities of MTA New York City Transit Car inspector Exam 8080 MTA/OIG Report #2012-07**

The Office of the MTA Inspector General (OIG), together with the Office of the New York County District Attorney (DANY), investigated bribery allegations against two former NYC Transit employees. According to the allegations, these employees accepted payments from candidates for Car Inspector Exam 8080, a practical examination that requires candidates to perform a series of job related tasks, to ensure that those candidates could pass that test. Thereafter, OIG and DANY found that these employees had indeed accepted payments from job candidates in return for just such a “guarantee,” although we found no evidence that they had actually secured passing grades for those candidates. As a result of our joint investigation, both employees pleaded guilty to felonies and were fired by NYC Transit. Beyond the specific criminal conduct we discovered, our investigation also revealed systemic vulnerabilities involving test preparation and security, as well as exam administration, scoring and post-exam procedures. OIG discussed these vulnerabilities with NYC Transit and made recommendations to ameliorate them, all of which NYC Transit accepted.

Inspector General Barry L. Kluger stated that, “Certainly, we are encouraged that NYC Transit accepted all of our recommendations and is implementing them. We are confident that by doing so, the agency will enhance the integrity and security of the examination process, as well as decisions relating to appointment, promotion, and employment dependent on that process.”

#### **Press**

[\*\*NY Daily News 2/26/2011 - MTA worker busted in cash-for-jobs scheme\*\*](#)

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