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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION FINDS NO WRONGDOING IN HIRING PRACTICES  
OF SEASONAL HELP AT OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT)  
Columbus, Ohio, September 12, 2017

The Ohio Inspector General issued a report of investigation today after receiving a complaint expressing concern that ODOT District 10 hiring decisions were influenced by applicants' political affiliation.

The Office of the Ohio Inspector General conducted interviews of numerous ODOT employees involved in the hiring process; reviewed more than 10,000 employee emails for evidence of political favoritism; and conducted a thorough review of over 2,000 documents contained in temporary summer and intern applicant files, and found no evidence to support that a hiring preference based on political affiliation was being given to applicants.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2016-CA00015 is now available at:  
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/investigations/2017/investigations.aspx>

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