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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION IDENTIFIES ISSUES WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES' PROCUREMENT POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND PRACTICES
Columbus, Ohio, May 23, 2019

The Office of the Ohio Inspector General issued a report of investigation today after investigating a complaint received from the Ohio Department of Youth Services expressing concerns related to the bidding and awarding of construction contracts by Vincent Corcoran, former administrative officer 2, for the installation of doors and door control systems at Ohio juvenile correctional facilities.

The Inspector General's investigation determined that Corcoran allowed a vendor to exert improper influence in the project specification process that directly benefited the contractor on multiple projects. In part, the investigation found wrongdoings for several identified issues with the manner in which contracts were bid; the manner in which costs and hours worked were validated; and the way contracts were structured to avoid review by the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission.

The Office of the Inspector General made seven recommendations to the Ohio Department of Youth Services to improve policies, procedures, and practices related to the procurement process.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2016-CA00034 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/investigations/2019investigations.aspx>

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