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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION FINDS OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
EMPLOYEE AIDS VENDOR IN SUBMITTING BID  
Columbus, Ohio, May 4, 2017

The Ohio Inspector General issued a report of investigation today after receiving a complaint alleging that an Ohio Department of Transportation district manager improperly influenced the award of a tree trimming contract in Hancock County.

The Office of the Ohio Inspector General found that the ODOT district manager aided a vendor who requested help in submitting a bid, but did not provide any information that gave the bidder an unfair advantage in the award of the contract.

The investigation did not find reasonable cause to believe a wrongdoing occurred, but resulted in a recommendation to remind ODOT employees to avoid any appearance of impropriety when vendors seek assistance with bid-related questions.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2016-CA00046 is now available at:  
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/investigations/2017investigations.aspx>

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