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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION FINDS WRONGDOINGS FOR CONDUCT OF
WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY'S REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT NON-PROFIT CORPORATION
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The Ohio Inspector General initiated an investigation after receiving a complaint from the Ohio Attorney General's Office concerning payments Wright State University made to a consultant. The complaint alleged that a consultant had received \$9,000 a month from Double Bowler Properties Corp. (Double Bowler), that had not yielded any work product for services rendered. Double Bowler was established as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation in May 2014 by Wright State University for the purpose of providing "... efficient and effective real estate administration and management."

Investigators subpoenaed records from Double Bowler and learned that the consultant was paid a monthly "flat rate." Investigators determined that the consultant's contract should have been negotiated by Double Bowler as a "time and materials" contract so that Wright State University would only pay for work actually performed. Additionally, the Inspector General determined the consultant was improperly paid for work performed for affiliated entities outside the scope of the contract.

The investigation further concluded that Wright State University used Double Bowler to acquire real estate without obtaining prior approval from either the State of Ohio Controlling Board or the chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education as required by the Ohio Revised Code.

The report of investigation has been referred to the Ohio Auditor of State and Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2017-CA00001 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/investigations/2019investigations.aspx>

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