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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION FINDS NUMEROUS WEAKNESSES WITH OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES' INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROCUREMENT PRACTICES

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The Ohio Inspector General issued a report of investigation today based on the findings of a procurement expert hired to perform an analysis of the state of Ohio information technology procurement processes. The investigation was initiated based on complaints received by this office, a letter received from a state representative, and numerous articles published by The Columbus Dispatch.

The Office of the Ohio Inspector General investigation found that the non-competitive state term schedule procurement practices of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Office of Information Technology do not align with procurement processes that support fair and equitable opportunities for qualified state term schedule vendors. In addition, the investigation noted that the lack of effective procurement integrity controls threatens the fair, open, and honest market place in which businesses compete. The report contains 13 recommendations to improve the existing process.

The report of investigation will be provided to the Ohio Auditor of State's Office and the Office of Budget and Management Office of Internal Audit for review and consideration.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2017-CA00014B is now available at:

<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/investigations/2017investigations.aspx>

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