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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION FINDS MULTIPLE ISSUES WITH THE OPERATIONS OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S DIVISION OF OPPORTUNITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AND DIVISION OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
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The Ohio Inspector General issued a report of investigation today after investigating an anonymous complaint claiming that an Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) vendor who allegedly did not meet eligibility criteria for the Minority Business Enterprise program was receiving contracts. In addition, the complaint alleged that the vendor was receiving preferential treatment in the award of ODOT contracts.

Investigators identified several issues based on interviews that were conducted and upon a review of policies and practices related to vendor interaction, the bid process, internal controls, contract language, vendor referrals, and the award of multi-award contracts.

The report of investigation contains eight recommendations to improve the operations of ODOT's Division of Opportunity, Diversity & Inclusion, and the Division of Construction Management, including recommendations to promote equitable treatment among vendors, to improve the bid award process, and to ensure ODOT monies are being used in a cost-efficient manner in multiple award contracts.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2018-CA00022 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/investigations/2019investigations.aspx>

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