



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE
WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED
(U.S. ABILITYONE COMMISSION)

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY INV 19-39

Investigation of a Sole Source Contract

The U.S. AbilityOne Commission Office of Inspector General (OIG) conducted an investigation in response to an anonymous complaint alleging that a sole source contract was improperly awarded.

The OIG investigated whether the decision to award the sole source contract was influenced by a personal relationship; whether federal contracting and recordkeeping requirements were followed; and whether the Commission properly obligated funds for the sole source contracts.

The OIG did not find evidence to conclude that the sole source contract was awarded due to a personal relationship. However, the OIG found there was failure to comply with federal contracting solicitation and recordkeeping standards under the Federal Acquisition Regulations, National Archives and Records Administration and a former violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act, 5 U.S.C. §§ 1342, 1517; Purpose Statute, 31 U.S.C. § 1301(a); and the Inspector General Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. §§ 401-24 due to the use of OIG funds for non-OIG activity.