



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

## INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | **OIG # 21-00708**

March 17, 2025

### ***Findings of Misconduct by a District of Columbia Department of Human Services Program Analyst for Circumventing Procurement Competitive Bidding Requirements and Purchasing Goods Without Legal Authority***

The District of Columbia Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation after receiving a complaint alleging a Department of Human Services (DHS) Program Analyst (PA) was engaged in impermissible contract splitting to circumvent competitive bidding requirements. During the investigation, the OIG found evidence that the PA violated District procurement rules, regulations, and policies pertaining to purchasing and the awarding of contracts.

The OIG investigation found that the PA:

- (1) Knowingly circumvented competition requirements by wrongfully splitting a requisition in an amount over \$10,000 into smaller increments, for the purpose of directing the contracts to a particular vendor; and
- (2) Wrongfully ordered and accepted goods on behalf of the District of Columbia without authorization.

The OIG completed its investigation and provided its report to DHS. Based on our report, the agency took corrective actions with respect to implicated employees, provided relevant employees refresher procurement training, and will coordinate with the Chief Procurement Officer to establish annual procurement training for DHS staff.



Unless otherwise noted, the OIG applies the preponderance of the evidence standard in determining whether personnel have committed misconduct.