



Detecting and Investigating Procurement Fraud: Three Perspectives

June 26, 2024

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Location: Web Ex Live

Fees: Registration is free for current 2023-2024 AIG NY/NJ Chapter or National members.

\$50 fee registration fee for all other AIG (Non-NY/NJ Chapter) members.

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Agenda

1. **Introduction and Overview (1:00 p.m. – 1:05 p.m.):** Darren Miller, Deputy Commissioner and Chief, Office of the Special Investigations, NYS DOCCS
2. **Safe Guarding Public Monies (1:05 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.):** Kellie Leinung, Counsel for Investigations at Office of New York State Comptroller: This is an overview of various New York laws that apply to public contracting and the approach, strategies, and tactics for investigating procurement fraud under these laws. It will also discuss two representative cases that used these principals and actions.
3. **Investigating Procurement Fraud: Where the Trail Never Ends! (1:30 p.m. – 1:55 p.m.):** Katie Q. McCutcheon, Deputy Chief Counsel / Director of Training, NYS Offices of the Inspector General: With jurisdiction over more than 100 executive branch agencies, departments, boards, commissions, and public authorities, the New York State Offices of the Inspector General (NYSIG) is entrusted with ensuring New York State government, its employees, and those who do business with the State meet the highest standards of honesty, accountability, and efficiency. During this session, learn about NYSIG's responsibility to identify and investigate corruption, fraud, criminal activity, conflicts of interest, and abuse, while discussing common procurement fraud schemes, ethical violations, and best practices to minimize these issues.
4. **Evaluating Vendor Responsibility (1:55 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.):** Andrew Sein, Senior Inspector General at NYC Department of Investigation: This portion of the presentation will discuss risk management at the procurement stage, with a focus on the "responsibility determination" that New York City agencies must make when procuring goods and services. It will also discuss special considerations for evaluating nonprofit contractors that are engaged by the government to provide social services.
5. **Investigations of Corruption in the New York City Housing Authority Micro-Purchase Process (2:20 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.):** Lauren Kropiewnicki, Assistant Counsel at NYC Department of Investigation: This portion of the presentation will start by providing a brief overview of the NYCHA micro-purchase process. The presentation will then discuss past DOI investigations of corruption in the NYCHA micro-purchase process, including the investigation that led to the arrest of 70 current and former NYCHA employees on bribery and extortion charges—the largest number of federal bribery charges on a single day in DOJ history.
6. **Question and Answer Segment (2:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.):** Panelists and Darren Miller, as Moderator