



Ethics Violations Lead To Non-Renewal Of Term Employee

The Corporation for National and Community Service (Corporation) has declined to renew the appointment of a term employee who was the subject of an Office of Inspector General (OIG) investigation into ethics violations.

Following the investigation, the employee, whose duties included selecting sites for training events, admitted to an OIG investigator that he had received free meals from potential and current contractors. He also admitted to illegally converting a transaction with a contractor into a personal gain of more than \$300.

The Corporation cited the OIG's findings as one of the factors in its decision not to renew the employee's term appointment, which expired at the end of 2004.

Under government ethics rules and Corporation regulations, employees are strictly barred from receiving free gifts or services from sources with potential or existing contracts with the Corporation. The ban on gifts from so-called "prohibited sources" is a key element in the Federal government's effort to ensure fairness and transparency in the awarding of contracts.