Bribery occurs when a contractor misrepresents the cost of performing work by compensating a government official for permitting contract overcharges to increase contractor profit.

Recognize and Report Fraud in Federally Funded Programs, Contracts, and Grants

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Selected “Red Flag” Indicators of Bribery

✓ Other government inspectors at the job site notice a pattern of preferential contractor treatment
✓ Government official has a lifestyle that exceeds his or her salary
✓ Contract change orders lack sufficient justification
✓ Oversight officials socialize with, or have business relationships with, contractors or their families
✓ Involvement of an unnecessary middleman or broker
✓ Contracting employee declines promotion to a non-procurement position
✓ Contracting employee insists contractors use a certain subcontractor or broker
✓ Keen interest by a contracting employee in the award of a contract on purchase order to a particular contractor or vendor

Contact OIG using any of the following methods:

Online complaint form: www.oig.dot.gov/dot-oig-hotline-complaint-form
Telephone: (800) 424-9071
Fax: (704) 556-0732
E-mail: hotline@oig.dot.gov
Mail: USDOT Inspector General
      1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E., Room W73-104A
      Washington, DC 20590

Note: The OIG Hotline is obligated to expeditiously forward all safety-related complaints to USDOT’s safety regulatory agencies for action, as appropriate.