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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

Attempted Bribery of a Public Official

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) received an allegation that an individual had solicited the Secretary of Labor with two separate bank checks in the amount of \$40,000 each, in return for a partnership with their firm.

The OIG investigation confirmed that the two checks to the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) were legitimate bank issued checks. The investigation further determined that at the time the individual sent the checks they were employed by a DOL contractor, however at the time of the investigation they were no longer employed by the contractor. The checks provided to DOL were sent from the individual's personal account in an attempt to set up a separate business partnership with DOL for services that would be independent of congressional oversight of the spending.

On June 1, 2022, the OIG referred this case to the Department of Justice's Public Integrity Division which subsequently declined prosecution. Because the individual was no longer employed by the DOL contractor, there was no action DOL was able to take.

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