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2018-0011-INVI-P- Government Ethics; Standards of Conduct; Abuse of Authority and Unauthorized Commitment: Not Substantiated

The Architect of the Capitol (AOC) Office of Inspector General initiated an investigation based on information received from an AOC employee who requested confidentiality. The confidential source (CS) reported suspected abuse of authority and conflict of interest between an AOC contractor and AOC senior manager. The CS claimed the senior manager abused their authority and circumvented proper AOC contracting protocols by directing an AOC contractor to procure wallpaper murals valued at \$7,550.00 and having the wallpaper murals installed in the jurisdiction restaurant. The CS claimed that the AOC's Acquisition and Material Management Division was unaware of the procurement and did not grant funding authority or obligate funds for the wallpaper murals.

The investigation did not substantiate that the senior manager abused their authority, violated AOC Orders, or AOC procurement procedures. Testimony and documentary evidence determined the procurement of the wallpaper murals for the jurisdiction restaurant was in accordance with the AOC contract and modification.

Final Management Action: This investigation has been closed.