

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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INVESTIGATIVE CASE SUMMARIES



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In August 2019, a [former State Department official pleaded guilty to disclosing confidential bid proposal information](#) in an effort to help a furniture company executive win a lucrative contract. In June, the [furniture company executive pleaded guilty to obtaining such bid proposals](#) to win the contract to furnish a new U.S. embassy being constructed overseas. OIG special agents determined he had knowingly obtained bid prices and design plans of at least three competitors from two Department employees to achieve a competitive advantage. The information provided by the Department employees enabled the executive and his company to win the contract with a bid of approximately \$1.56 million. Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Russell L. Carlberg and attorneys from DOJ's Public Integrity Section prosecuted the case.

In August 2019, a [former Foreign Service Officer was sentenced to 40 years in federal prison](#), followed by lifetime supervised release, for sexually abusing minors to produce child pornography and transporting those images to the United States. OIG and Homeland Security Investigations special agents, working with several law enforcement partners, determined the Department employee used an online file-sharing network from October 2014 to March 2018 to distribute child pornography. He also participated in online chats where he provided tips to others about how to meet and abuse minors in the Philippines.