

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
INVESTIGATIONS



INVESTIGATIVE CASE SUMMARIES



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In October 2019, [a jury convicted a former Department contracting officer \(CO\)](#) on 13 counts of conspiracy, bribery, honest services wire fraud, and making false statements. Sentencing is scheduled for February 2020. Prior to the [CO's indictment in April 2019](#), OIG and FBI special agents determined that from November 2012 to early 2017, the CO and the owner of a Turkish construction firm allegedly engaged in a bribery and procurement fraud scheme in which the CO received at least \$239,300 in cash payments from the business owner. In return, the CO allegedly supervised multimillion-dollar construction contracts awarded to the owner's business partners. The CO allegedly concealed the unlawful relationship by making false statements on financial disclosure forms and during his background reinvestigation. The CO's security clearance was suspended.