



# Inspector General

## **2024-0002-INVI-P — SENIOR MANAGER ALLEGED TO HAVE INFLUENCED A CONTRACT FOR THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL (AOC).**

### **AOC SENIOR MANAGER: Suspected Violations of the AOC “Standards of Conduct” and “Government Ethics” Policies; and the AOC Contracting Manual Policy. Not Substantiated**

On August 17, 2023, the AOC Office of Inspector General (OIG) received an anonymous letter via interoffice mail. The letter alleged that a senior manager at the AOC improperly influenced a contract with a technology company that provides information technology and cybersecurity support to the AOC. The senior manager had previously been employed by the company during which time they provided direct contract support and program management to the AOC. The allegation further claimed that the senior manager had increased the number of contractors from the company working on AOC projects.

Additionally, the complaint noted that a new system had been developed to improve asset management, supported by months of research and secured funding; however, the senior manager allegedly refused to implement the new system. Their refusal to diversify vendors was alleged to unduly favor their previous employer.

The OIG consulted with the Office of General Counsel (OGC) who informed the OIG that the AOC was aware of the senior manager's employment history and had implemented several safeguards prior to the senior manager's official hiring. The OGC provided the OIG with a copy of the senior manager's Financial Disclosure Report and a Notice of Covered Relationship letter. This letter confirmed that as of March 2023, the senior manager had divested all financial interests, including non-vested shares, in the technology company. Furthermore, the former Acting Architect of the Capitol granted the senior manager's request to be recused from procurement functions involving the technology company for one year.

In summary, the complaint raised concerns about a potential conflict of interest and the integrity of the procurement process. After conducting multiple witness interviews and a thorough review of evidentiary documents, the OIG confirmed that the senior manager properly followed AOC protocol and did not violate any AOC policies.

**Final Management Action:** The OIG did not substantiate any violations of AOC policy by the senior manager. The case is closed.