

**It's not just a few bucks
between friends.**



Bribery

Bribery occurs when a contractor misrepresents the cost of performing work by compensating a government official for permitting contract overcharges to increase contractor profit.

**Recognize and Report Fraud in
Federally Funded Programs,
Contracts, and Grants**

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Selected “Red Flag” Indicators of Bribery

- ✓ Other government inspectors at the job site notice a pattern of preferential contractor treatment
- ✓ Government official has a lifestyle that exceeds his or her salary
- ✓ Contract change orders lack sufficient justification
- ✓ Oversight officials socialize with, or have business relationships with, contractors or their families
- ✓ Involvement of an unnecessary middleman or broker
- ✓ Contracting employee declines promotion to a non-procurement position
- ✓ Contracting employee insists contractors use a certain subcontractor or broker
- ✓ Keen interest by a contracting employee in the award of a contract on purchase order to a particular contractor or vendor

Contact OIG using any of the following methods:

Online complaint form: www.oig.dot.gov/hotlineform.jsp

Telephone: (800) 424-9071

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E-mail: hotline@oig.dot.gov

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