

**Dishonest contractors  
think you aren't checking  
the bills...**



## **Materials Overcharging**

Under this fraud scheme, a contractor misrepresents how much construction material was actually used on the job and then is paid for excess material to increase job profit.

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

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# Selected “Red Flag” Indicators of Materials Overcharging

- ✓ Discrepancies between contractor-provided quantity documentation and observed data, including yield calculations
- ✓ Refusal or inability to provide supporting documentation
- ✓ Contractor consistently loading job materials into equipment away from inspector oversight
- ✓ Truck weight tickets or plant production records with altered or missing information
- ✓ Photocopies of quantity documentation where originals are expected
- ✓ Irregularities in color or content of weight slips or other contractor documents used to calculate pay quantities
- ✓ No receiving report for invoiced goods
- ✓ Unusually high volume of purchases from one vendor
- ✓ Invoiced goods cannot be located in inventory or accounted for

## Contact OIG using any of the following methods:

**Online complaint form:** [www.oig.dot.gov/hotlineform.jsp](http://www.oig.dot.gov/hotlineform.jsp)

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