

Corruption – Government versus Contractor!

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As has become our policy, we don't really report on corruption much anymore. The fact of the matter is that corruption – including bribes, kick-backs, and other wrongdoing – has become the new normal. Or perhaps it was always thus, and we never noticed. In any case, the spate of headlines announcing the latest in corruption is just depressing. Plus, it's boring.

But the headlines are clear: there is corruption on the buying side of the table, just as there is on the selling side. You can find wrongdoing by government employees just about as frequently as you can find wrongdoing by contractors.

So we thought we would do a table to illustrate what we've been saying for years: corruption is found everywhere and, if we say we want ethical behavior, we have to be vigilant in looking for corruption.

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A [redacted] former specialist with the U.S. Army stationed at Forward Operating Base Gardez, Af

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<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/former-us-army-specialist-sentenced-30-months-prison-taking-bribes-while-deployed-afghanist-0>

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DoD [redacted] Employee Sentenced to over Three Years in Prison -- Caused the Army Research

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<http://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/departement-defense-employee-sentenced-over-three-years-prison-fraudulently-obtaining-over>

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A [redacted] former Navy noncommissioned officer pleaded guilty today to accepting approximatel

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<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/former-navy-noncommissioned-officer-pleads-guilty-accepting-bribes-while-serving-afghanistan>

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<http://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/former-georgia-national-guard-employee-and-two-vendors-sentenced-corruption-scheme>

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A man was sentenced to one year in prison and ordered to repay \$6.7 million for making

<http://www.justice.gov/usao-ndoh/pr/canton-man-sentenced-prison-ordered-repay-67-million-fr-aud-getting-federal-contracts>

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Scientists Sentenced To Prison For Defrauding The Small Business Innovation Research

<http://www.justice.gov/usao-mdfl/pr/scientists-sentenced-prison-defrauding-small-business-innovation-research-program>

9/11/15

PAE Government Services and RM Asia (HK) Limited to Pay \$1.45 Million to Settle Claims

<http://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/pae-government-services-and-rm-asia-hk-limited-pay-145-million-settle-claims-alleged>

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Two Contractors and One Former Civilian Employee Sentenced in Bribery Scheme at Georgia Military College

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<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/two-contractors-and-one-former-civilian-employee-sentenced-bribery-scheme-georgia-military>

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Government Subcontractors Convicted For Bribery

<http://www.justice.gov/usao-ak/pr/government-subcontractors-convicted-bribery>

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Tutoring Services Corporation And 31 Individuals Indicted And Arrested For Defrauding

<http://www.justice.gov/usao-pr/pr/tutoring-services-corporation-and-31-individuals-indicted-and-arrested-defrauding>

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Two Individuals Agree to Pay \$435,000 to Settle False Claims Act Suit Alleging Evade

<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/two-individuals-agree-pay-435000-settle-false-claims-act-suit-alleging-evaded-customs-duties>

Seems pretty balanced to us. And note, dear readers, that the table above reports DoJ

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enforcement activities only for a period of about three weeks.

We think we've made our point.