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**DOI STATEMENT ON PRISON SENTENCE OF FORMER PROJECT MANAGER
WITH CITY ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), issued the following statement on today's sentencing of a former project manager with the City Administration for Children's Services ("ACS") to a year and a day in jail for taking bribes in connection with a federally-funded program. LATIF ABDULMALIK pleaded guilty in June 2010 and was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Sidney H. Stein in the United States District Court in Manhattan and also ordered to pay \$15,000 in forfeiture. The office of Preet Bharara, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, prosecuted the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "This former City employee is going to prison for selling out the City's taxpayers and cashing in on his public position. He profited by corrupting the City's contracting process. His prison sentence stands as a warning to any public servant who might seek to exploit his or her position for personal gain."

ABDULMALIK managed construction projects and was paid bribes to assist principals of a design and construction company obtain construction contracts for ACS child care facilities. ACS repairs and maintains child care facilities that are part of the United States Department of Health and Human Services' federally-funded Head Start program.

DOI Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Preet Bharara, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and ACS Commissioner John B. Mattingly, and their staffs, for their assistance in this investigation.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys Loyaan A. Egal and Pablo Quinones of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York prosecuted the case.

DOI's Office of Inspector General for ACS conducted this investigation, specifically Associate Staff Analyst John F. Manning and Ivette Morales, Director of the Not-for-Profit Vendor Fraud Unit, under the supervision of Inspector General Pat Russo.

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