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DOI ANNOUNCES COMPLIANCE MONITORS & "INTEGRITY HOT LINE" TO HELP ASSURE CONSTRUCTION INTEGRITY AT WTC RECOVERY SITE

EDWARD J. KURIANSKY, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (DOI), today announced that the City has retained 4 Construction Compliance Monitors and set up an "Integrity Hot Line"--(866) 220-4944--to help protect the public interest against fraud, waste, theft, and abuse at the World Trade Center recovery site.

"The City must make every effort to assure that all work at the World Trade Center is performed effectively, expeditiously, and honestly," Commissioner Kuriansky said. "These monitors will serve as 'watchdogs' to make certain that all contractors and sub-contractors perform this important public service work according to the highest standards of accountability. This hotline will enable anyone with information about wrongdoing involving fraud, waste, security breaches, theft, abuse, and safety violations to report his or her suspicion to the proper authority. All calls to the hotline will be kept confidential."

Four construction companies have been retained by the City to take part in the massive WTC recovery project. They are: AMEC Construction Management, Bovis Lend Lease, Tully Construction Company, and Turner Construction Company. Their construction compliance monitors, respectively, will be: Stier, Anderson & Malone; Thacher Associates; Decision Strategies/Fairfax International; and Getnick & Getnick.

According to Commissioner Kuriansky, the construction integrity initiative is intended to ensure that the work related to the WTC recovery meets the same high integrity standard imposed on all other vendors doing business with the City.

The construction compliance monitoring will include background checks of all contractors and sub-contractors, tracking of their personnel and equipment, and charting of all pick ups and drop offs of debris.

"DOI and its law enforcement partners will work together to make certain that all contractors perform their work according to the terms of their contracts by properly allocating their equipment and personnel and disposing of all materials in an authorized manner," Commissioner Kuriansky explained.

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DOI will coordinate the monitoring with the City Department of Design and Construction, the FEMA Inspector General, local District Attorneys, and the United States Attorneys of the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

The toll free Construction Hotline will be staffed 24 hours a day 7 days a week by integrity compliance monitors under the supervision of DOI.