

Department of General Services
Director Response

Case #19-0005-I

CITY OF BALTIMORE

BERNARD C. "JACK" YOUNG, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

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Isabel Mercedes Cumming, Inspector General
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RE: OIG Case #19-0005-1

Dear Ms. Cumming,

The Department of General Services (DGS) received a copy of your Report of Investigation on the above referenced Case on January 6th, 2020. I thank you and your team of investigators for the in-depth investigation conducted, which brought to light inappropriate spending of public funds. Over the past few weeks we have engaged extensively with the relevant parties to not only address the specific situation but to determine what internal operations changes need to be reassessed.

The two individuals about whom conflicts of interest concerns were raised, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are no longer working for the City of Baltimore. Additionally, DGS is working with the Bureau of Procurement to address the concerns raised regarding roles and responsibilities and separation of duties in the procurement process. Our use of the vendor, [REDACTED], is on hold pending a final determination [REDACTED].

Again, thank you for this report. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to call me.

Very respectfully,

Chichi Nyagah-Nash
Director, Department of General Services

Cc: Kimberly Morton, Mayor's Chief of Staff
Hon. Andre M. Davis, Baltimore City Solicitor