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**DOI STATEMENT ON GUILTY PLEA OF FORMER NYC-TV EXECUTIVE
TO CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT WIRE FRAUD**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation ("DOI"), issued the following statement regarding today's guilty plea by TREVOR SCOTLAND, former Chief Operating Officer ("COO") of NYC-TV, to defrauding the City of tens of thousands of dollars by diverting the funds to a privately run company even though NYC-TV had actually performed the work. SCOTLAND then split those funds with a co-conspirator. SCOTLAND pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Paul A. Crotty to the federal offense of conspiracy to commit wire fraud. He is scheduled to be sentenced on January 26, 2010. The office of Preet Bharara, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, prosecuted the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "Instead of using his creative skills to protect the taxpayers' money, this defendant worked with a co-conspirator to craft an illegal way to pocket public funds. DOI worked with federal prosecutors to uncover the criminal scheme and bring those responsible to justice. Today's guilty plea sends a strong message that any City employee who exploits their insider position to siphon away taxpayer money will be exposed and prosecuted and jeopardizes their future."

NYC-TV is a division of the City Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications ("DOITT"). SCOTLAND, 39, of Brooklyn, was employed with NYC-TV since April 2004, and when he resigned as the NYC-TV's COO on March 13, 2009, he was receiving an annual salary of approximately \$99,185.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Preet Bharara, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and DOITT Commissioner Paul J. Cosgrave and their staffs for their assistance on this investigation.

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