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**DOI STATEMENT ON GUILTY PLEA TO A BRIBERY CHARGE BY 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 guilty plea by LATIF ABDULMALIK, a former project manager with the City Administration for Children's Services ("ACS") for construction projects, to taking bribes in connection with a federally-funded program. If convicted, the federal offense carries a maximum sentence of up to 10 years in prison. ABDULMALIK entered his guilty plea before U.S. Magistrate Judge Frank Maas in the United States District Court in Manhattan. A sentencing date has not yet been set. ABDULMALIK managed construction projects and was paid bribes to assist principals of a design and construction company with obtaining 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. The office of Preet Bharara, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, is prosecuting the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "By callously skimming cash bribes from a City construction program, this former ACS project manager dishonored his agency's mission to help vulnerable children. Today's guilty plea is a reckoning of the costs and consequences for a City employee who disgraces himself by taking bribes. DOI and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York will continue to expose and deter public corruption in the City."

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 from 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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