Dear NYCHA Contractor:

The New York City Housing Authority’s Office of the Inspector General ("IG"), among its many responsibilities, is charged with investigating matters relating to criminal activity on NYCHA contracts. As you may be aware, there have been past instances of labor coalitions operating illegally and interfering with NYCHA contracts by staging illegal demonstrations, causing work stoppages, and, in the worst case—extorting contractors to hire the coalition’s constituents, or to make pay-offs to avoid future demonstrations. Previous IG joint investigations with the New York City Police Department’s Major Case Squad and Housing Bureau’s MOD-SITE Task Force, have resulted in the safe and successful removal of these rogue operations from NYCHA job-sites and the termination or prevention of contractors being victimized.

Throughout the duration of your NYCHA contract, we will monitor reports from the MOD-SITE Task Force and elsewhere of illegally demonstrating labor organizations as they relate to NYCHA, with the intent of preventing the NYCHA contract environment from being affected by criminal activity. Your cooperation and assistance are important in this effort and we implore that you provide complete information to officers and investigators who respond.

As you are aware, NYCHA’s contracts contain provisions for NYCHA to have complete access, upon request, to all contract-related documents and materials. Further, you, your company, and all company officers and employees, should immediately notify the IG of any potential violations of law, including the extortionate tactics of illegal labor coalitions. As always, in times of an emergency or in situations where an immediate police response is warranted, call 911.

If you have any questions regarding this matter or wish to make a report of an illegally operating labor coalition, please call Senior Deputy Inspector General Ralph Iannuzzi at (212) 306-8316.

Yours truly,

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