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U.S. Department of Justice – Antitrust Division Procurement Collusion Strike Force Showcase

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Procurement Collusion Strike Force (PCSF)

Launched in November 2019:

- Coordinated national response to combat hardcore antitrust conduct and related criminal schemes in government procurement at federal, state, and local levels
- Objective: Harness the combined experience and expertise of Department of Justice prosecutors and law enforcement partners to:
 - Deter hardcore antitrust crimes on the front end of the procurement process, and
 - Effectively detect, investigate, and prosecute crimes on the back end

PCSF: Structure

“Virtual” Strike Force—partnership for outreach and investigation/prosecution

1. Increased coordination between Department of Justice prosecutors and law enforcement partners to conduct outreach/training
2. Partnership to investigate and prosecute cases resulting from outreach
3. Data analytics collaboration

PCSF National Partners



Department of Justice
Antitrust Division

13 USAOs around the country:

- Central District of California (Los Angeles)**
- Eastern District of California (Sacramento)
- District of Colorado (Denver)
- District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
- Southern District of Florida (Miami)
- Northern District of Georgia (Atlanta)
- Northern District of Illinois (Chicago)
- Eastern District of Michigan (Detroit)
- Southern District of New York (Manhattan)
- Southern District of Ohio (Columbus)
- Eastern District of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia)
- Northern District of Texas (Dallas)
- Eastern District of Virginia (Alexandria)



Department of Defense OIG
Defense Criminal Investigative
Service (DCIS)



U.S. Postal Service OIG



General Services Administration
(GSA) OIG



Department of Justice OIG



**Federal Bureau of Investigation
(FBI)**

Field offices/ICU squads located in
13 districts

PCSF: Implementation and Execution

- Antitrust Division: Trial Attorneys in (5) criminal sections designated as PCSF liaisons for each partner district
- (13) USAOs: AUSAs designated as PCSF liaisons in each partner district
- FBI: Special Agents designated as PCSF liaisons in field offices in each partner district
- OIGs (DOJ, DoD, USPS, GSA): Agent points of contact for outreach, investigation, and data analytics
- **District-based model:**
 - Tailored to each of 13 districts
 - Designated PCSF liaisons work with OIG partners to do outreach/training to federal/state/local procurement officials and contractor audiences in each district
 - Educate new audiences about “red flags” of collusion
 - Facilitate reporting of suspected violations
 - Partner on resulting investigations/prosecutions



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