

Making Lemonade: Maximizing the Use of Suspension and Debarment at a Small OIG

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Environment

- GPO produces and distributes information products and services for each of the three branches of government
 - \$450 million in print procurements in FY2010
 - More than 16,000 registered contractors
 - GPO awards contracts to between 2,500 and 3,500





Suspension and Debarment Program

- Print procurement fraud investigations represent approximately 70 percent of the OI caseload
 - Contracts range in value from less than \$100 to over \$10 million
 - Decentralized procurement management
 - Criminal and civil AUSAs reluctant to accept low value investigations





Coalition with Agency Stakeholders

- Office of General Counsel (OGC) and Customer Services
 - Engaged in fraud awareness outreach to print procurement officials
 - Built relationships and established routine coordination with agency stakeholders
 - Designed written investigative products based on feedback from OGC





Successes

- In October 2010, OI increased its focus on suspension and debarment actions
 - FY2010: 1 case referred
 - FY2011: 10+ cases referred

 - FY2009: 3 subjects debarred
 - FY2010: 1 subject debarred
 - FY2011: 12 subjects debarred





Credits

- Collective Effort
 - SSA Doug Bonaro
 - SSA Lee Barnhill
 - SA Nathaniel Brown
 - SA Michael Cravens (DOJ OIG)
 - SA Natalie Vowell
 - SA Elisabeth Heller
 - SA Latarsha Isom
 - SA Erik Duncan

