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To: The Honorable Daniella Levine Cava, Mayor, Miami-Dade County  
The Honorable Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County

From: Felix Jimenez, Inspector General 

Date: August 30, 2023

Subject: County Contractor Charged and Sentenced for Defrauding the Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department for a Fraudulent Invoicing Scheme; Ref. IG22-0001-I

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Raudel Diaz, the owner and operator of Another Garage Gate, Inc., (AGG), a Miami-Dade County contractor since 2014, was charged and pled guilty to Organized Scheme to Defraud, a felony of the third degree. The charges stem from the submission of fraudulent supplier invoices that were submitted to the Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department (MDCR) for the installation and repair of fencing gates at various MDCR facilities.

The investigation was referred to the OIG after an observant MDCR employee questioned a parts invoice attached to an AGG invoice. AGG was providing services to MDCR pursuant to a pre-qualified pool contract pool, RTQ-01136, for the installation and repair of overhead doors and security gates. MDCR began contracting AGG pursuant to RTQ-01136 since 2020. While AGG was also servicing the needs of other County departments pursuant to RTQ-01136, the OIG investigation determined that the compensation and invoicing terms contained in MDCR's work orders issued to AGG were unique. Pursuant to MDCR's work orders, labor was compensated based on a fixed fee, but parts and materials were reimbursed at cost. As such, AGG was required to submit, as part of its invoice package, supporting documentation of proof of costs for any parts and materials.

The OIG found that from September 2020 to December 2021, AGG submitted over 90 fraudulent invoices to MDCR, totaling over \$69,000. These fraudulent invoices inflated the costs for parts and materials, which were supposed to be reimbursed at cost.

On today's date, Mr. Diaz was charged and pled guilty to Organized Scheme to Defraud. The court sentenced him to five years of reporting probation. Mr. Diaz paid full restitution at the time of plea to MDCR and paid costs of investigation. As a condition of probation, Mr. Diaz, AGG, and any other present or future company affiliated with Mr. Diaz cannot sign any new contract to perform work on any County property as a prime contractor or subcontractor. Mr. Diaz has no current contracts with the County.

The OIG is grateful to the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office for its collaboration on this investigation. The OIG also thanks the staffs at MDCR and the Strategic Procurement Department for their assistance.

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