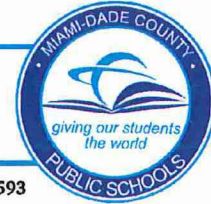




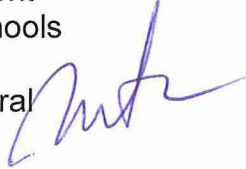
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To: Hon. Chairwoman Perla Tabares Hantman and Members
Miami-Dade County School Board

Alberto Carvalho, Superintendent
Miami-Dade County Public Schools

From: Mary T. Cagle, Inspector General 

Date: June 11, 2014

Subject: *OIG Final Report of Investigation, New Vendor Application Submitted by
K.T. Travel Worldwide, Inc. as Cover for Suspended Vendor King's
College Tours, Inc., Ref. SB1314-1010*

Attached please find a copy of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Office of the Inspector General's (OIG's) final report regarding allegations that suspended M-DCPS vendor King's College Tours, Inc. was attempting to circumvent its suspension by using K.T. Travel Worldwide, Inc., as a front company.

This report, as a draft, was provided to Mr. Antonio King of King's College Tours, Inc., and Ms. Erica Thompson of K.T. Travel Worldwide, Inc., for their review and comment. Written responses were received from both Mr. King and Ms. Thompson, and their responses are summarized in the Final Report and attached in full as Appendices.

Our report on this matter contains our investigative findings and is being provided to you for whatever action you deemed appropriate.

Attachment

cc: Mr. Walter J. Harvey, School Board Attorney, M-DCPS
Mr. Jose Montes de Oca, Chief Auditor, M-DCPS
Mr. Barry Meltz, District Director, Procurement Management, M-DCPS
Individuals previously provided with the draft report

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OIG FINAL REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
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INTRODUCTION & SYNOPSIS

The Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) received a complaint from the M-DCPS Procurement Department regarding a suspicious new vendor application from K.T. Travel Worldwide, Inc. (K.T. Travel). The new vendor sought to provide travel agent and tour coordination services to students wishing to take tours, including college tours. It was suspected that K.T. Travel was a front for King's College Tours, Inc., (King's College), a vendor offering similar services. King's College had been suspended two months prior to the submission of the suspect vendor application. The OIG investigation substantiated the allegations.

OIG JURISDICTIONAL AUTHORITY

The OIG provides inspector general services to Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between Miami-Dade County and the Miami-Dade County School Board. The ILA governs the scope and jurisdiction of the OIG's activities. Among the authority, jurisdiction, responsibilities and functions conferred upon the OIG through the ILA is the authority and jurisdiction to make investigations of M-DCPS affairs, including the power to review past, present, and proposed programs, accounts, records, contracts and transactions. The OIG shall have the power to require reports and the production of records from the M-DCPS Superintendent, School Board members, School District departments and allied organizations, and School District officers and employees, regarding any matter within the jurisdiction of the OIG.

RELEVANT GOVERNING AUTHORITY

School Board Policy 6320, Purchasing – Default by Vendor

A bidder who accepts an award but fails to perform shall... lose eligibility to transact new business with the Board for a period of fourteen (14) months from date of termination of award by the Board. The ineligibility shall be applicable to the principals individually and the entity, as well as any other firm in which a principal of a defaulting firm is a principal....

INVESTIGATIVE METHODOLOGY

During the course of the investigation, the OIG reviewed documents of the M-DCPS Procurement Department; State of Florida Department of Agriculture, Division of Consumer Services; State of Florida Division of Corporations; and the State of Florida Department of Revenue. The OIG also conducted interviews of M-DCPS Procurement

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Department staff and the Chief Executive Officer of King's College, Mr. Antonio King. Ms. Erica Thompson, the president of K.T. Travel, refused a formal interview with an OIG investigator; however, she did answer several questions.

This investigation was conducted in accordance with the *Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspector General, Quality Standards for Investigations*, as promulgated by the Association of Inspectors General.

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

This investigation was initiated based on a complaint from the M-DCPS Procurement Department. An OIG Special Agent spoke with Donna Denson, a buyer for the M-DCPS Procurement Department, who provided information on King's College and on K.T. Travel. Ms. Denson advised that King's College has been an approved vendor with M-DCPS since August 8, 2012. King's College provides tour packages for students to tour colleges, as well as other tours within the state of Florida. In addition to the tour packages, King's College also provides bus service for those tours. Ms. Denson stated that Antonio King, the principal and authorized representative of King's College, was notified on May 29, 2013, that effective June 19, 2013, King's College Tours, Inc., was suspended from doing business with M-DCPS for a period of 14 months. **(Exhibit 1)** The suspension was the result of Mr. King using an unapproved vendor's bus as a replacement for one of his buses during a college tour.

Ms. Denson stated that Mr. King met with her after the suspension to inquire if he could continue to provide the tour booking services during his bus service suspension. Mr. King was specifically told that the suspension meant that he **could not transact new business of any kind** with M-DCPS during the time of his suspension. Ms. Denson's conversation with Mr. King, clarifying the terms of the suspension, took place in late June or early July, 2013.

On August 29, 2013, Ms. Denson received via fax a new vendor application from K.T. Travel. The stamp from the facsimile machine transmitting the application read "...King Tours & Transportati [sic]18665478921". **(Exhibit 2)** The originating fax number of 866-547-8921 was the same as the business fax number provided by Antonio King for King's College on the Bidder Qualification Form submitted to M-DCPS in 2011. **(Exhibit 3)** K.T. Travel's vendor application, submitted to M-DCPS, listed Ms. Erica Thompson as the contact person, and its primary business as tour and coordination services. The application also listed the company's fax number, which is the same number used by King's College.

The OIG Investigation into K.T. Travel revealed that Erica Thompson is listed with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, as the President and Registered

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Agent of K.T. Travel. The principal address for K.T. Travel listed with the Division of Corporations is Erica Thompson's home address. K.T. Travel's M-DCPS vendor application also lists the same home address as K.T. Travel's business address. K.T. Travel was incorporated on August 21, 2013, eight days prior to its vendor application submittal to M-DCPS Procurement.¹ The only other corporate officer listed with the State of Florida is Tonya Okera. **(Exhibit 4)** The OIG investigator learned that both Ms. Thompson and Ms. Okera are related to Mr. King of King's College – they are his cousin and aunt, respectively.

In addition to being Mr. King's cousin, Ms. Thompson was also employed by Mr. King at King's College. Information received from the State of Florida Department of Revenue confirmed that Ms. Thompson was employed by King's College during the entire year of 2013. Ms. Thompson's employment history, dating back to 2003, does not indicate any experience in the travel service industry prior to her work for King's College.²

Sellers of travel and independent travel agents are licensed and regulated by the Division of Consumer Services of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. An OIG check with the Division of Consumer Services revealed that King's College Tours was licensed under license #ST37462 until March 5, 2014.³ However, no license was found for K.T. Travel.

On the morning of October 1, 2013, an OIG Special Agent interviewed Mr. King, the Chief Executive Officer of King's College since its incorporation in 2000. Mr. King denied any involvement in attempting to get work using K.T. Travel. Mr. King was asked about his relationship with K.T. Travel's president, Ms. Thompson, and vice-president, Ms. Okera. Mr. King first denied and then later admitted that Ms. Thompson is his cousin and that Ms. Okera is his aunt. Mr. King denied any knowledge of Ms. Thompson's company. When the OIG Special Agent confronted Mr. King with the fact that the vendor application had been faxed from a fax machine number belonging to King's College, Mr. King admitted that he knew Ms. Thompson had started a company and that she had used his fax machine. Mr. King spontaneously stated that he would ask Ms. Thompson to rescind her application. Mr. King left the OIG office upon concluding his interview at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Thompson was contacted later on the same date. She refused to provide a formal interview to the OIG Special Agent, but did confirm that she worked for Antonio King at King's College. Ms. Thompson also advised that she had withdrawn her vendor

¹ The corporate documents were filed with the Division of Corporations on August 26, 2013, only three days prior to the vendor application submission.

² Ms. Thompson appears to have held several jobs at restaurants, an office supply retailer, and a protective service agency.

³ A renewal application for King's College is currently pending with the Division of Consumer Services.

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application and no longer wished to do business with M-DCPS. Ms. Denson of M-DCPS procurement confirmed that Ms. Thompson withdrew the K.T. Travel vendor application at 2:00 p.m. that same day of October 1, 2013.

RESPONSES TO THE DRAFT REPORT & OIG COMMENTS

This report, as a draft, was provided to Antonio King and Erica Thompson for their review and opportunity to provide written responses. The draft report was also provided to Superintendent Carvalho for informational purposes. The OIG received a response from Mr. King, incorporated herein as Appendix A, and Ms. Thompson, incorporated herein as Appendix B. The responses are summarized below. OIG comments to the responses follow.

Mr. King's Response (Appendix A)

Mr. King's response provides information about his company including that it was founded in 2000; provides "a broad range of travel related services for groups and individuals, as well as operates a personal fleet of charter buses;" and has been a vendor for M-DCPS for 12 years without incident. Mr. King acknowledges the suspension of King's College. He also acknowledges that Ms. Thompson is his employee and is related to him. Mr. King denies knowledge of Ms. Thompson's use of the King's College office fax machine to submit the application. However, he states that it was possible that Ms. Thompson used the machine as she had access to all office equipment. Mr. King states that upon concluding his interview with the OIG Special Agent he reached out to Ms. Thompson and requested that she rescind K.T. Travel's vendor application. Mr. King states that he requested the withdrawal of K.T. Travel's application "to avoid any further confusion or speculation regarding any connection between the two separate companies." Mr. King repeatedly asserts that he had no connection or affiliation with K.T. Travel and denies using K.T. Travel as a front during King's College's suspension period. Finally, Mr. King expresses his intention to renew services to M-DCPS upon the conclusion of the suspension.

Ms. Thompson's Response (Appendix B)

Ms. Thompson's response denies any affiliation with King's College, and asserts that Mr. King was unaware of her use of the King's College fax machine to submit K.T. Travel's vendor application. Ms. Thompson acknowledges that she started her company because King's College's suspension created a business opportunity. Further, Ms. Thompson states that she intended to use approved charter bus companies on the M-DCPS list. Ms. Thompson also states that she was in the process of obtaining all the needed licenses to operate for M-DCPS.

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OIG Comments to the Responses

Both Mr. King and Ms. Thompson deny any affiliation between their companies. Mr. King also denies any knowledge of Ms. Thompson's company K.T. Travel. While Mr. King admits that he knew Ms. Thompson was interested in starting a business, he states that he "...could not speak on what type of company Erica Thompson intended to start, as he was not privy to any information regarding Erica Thompson's separate and personal business endeavors." These assertions defy common sense.

Mr. King is Ms. Thompson's cousin and employer. King's College and K.T. Travel are both travel agencies providing booking and charter tour services. It seems implausible that Mr. King and Ms. Thompson would not have discussed Ms. Thompson's business venture, K.T. Travel, as her newly formed company sought to take over the very services King's College was providing. Furthermore, it wasn't until Mr. King was told by Ms. Denson that his company's suspension affected its ability to provide any services, not just the charter bus services, that Ms. Thompson incorporated the new company and applied to be a vendor with M-DCPS.⁴

K.T. Travel was not in a position to deliver the services without the assistance of King's College. As acknowledged in Ms. Thompson's response, K.T. Travel could not provide charter bus tours. Ms. Thompson states that "[a]s far as transportation I was going to ONLY use approved charter bus companies on the MDCPS list." Moreover, she did not have the required license to operate her business. Contrary to Ms. Thompson's claim that she was "in the process of obtaining all the needed licenses" the OIG has verified with the Department of Agriculture, Division of Consumer Services, that K.T. Travel has *never* applied for licensing as required for sellers of travel and independent travel agents. K.T. Travel was clearly not ready to provide the services that King's College, although prohibited, was equipped to provide.

CONCLUSION

The circumstances make it apparent that Mr. King had knowledge and influence over K.T. Travel, and as such, was complicit in an attempt to circumvent the suspension of his company. K.T. Travel's officers are related to Mr. King. Ms. Thompson was employed by Mr. King, and continued to be employed by Mr. King even after the M-DCPS suspension of King's College. Ms. Thompson had use of the King's College office and equipment. Beyond the mere use of the King's College fax machine, it is

⁴ It is interesting that Mr. King's thorough response to the Draft Report makes no mention of his conversation with Ms. Denson. Mr. King does acknowledge that the terms of his suspension were explained and clarified, but at a much later meeting with the OIG Special Agent, not by Ms. Denson immediately before K.T. Travel's incorporation and vendor application submission.

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evident that Mr. King exerted influence, if not control, over K.T. Travel. Shortly after informing the OIG Special Agent that he would request that K.T. Travel withdraw its application to do business with M-DCPS, Ms. Thompson withdrew her vendor application.

This report is being provided to Superintendent Carvalho, the School Board, and the M-DCPS Procurement Department for whatever action is deemed appropriate.

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Exhibit 1

Notice of Vendor Suspension
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Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of June 19, 2013

May 29, 2013

Financial Services
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: TERMINATE AWARD ON CONTRACT NO. 051-LL08 -
CHARTER-BUS SERVICES, IN AND OUT OF COUNTY**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY**

This contract was awarded by the Board on April 18, 2012, to provide charter-bus services, for in and out of county travel, for various locations.

Subsequent to the award, King's College Tours, Inc., of Miami, Florida, failed to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of the bid. Therefore, the recommendation reflects the termination of King's College Tours, Inc. as the awardee on Contract No. 051-LL08, and the loss of its eligibility to transact new business with the Board for a period of fourteen (14) months, pursuant to School Board Policy 6320, Purchasing.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. **TERMINATE** award to King's College Tours, Inc., of Miami, Florida, on Contract No. 051-LL08 - CHARTER-BUS SERVICES, IN AND OUT OF COUNTY, effective June 19, 2013, as follows:

KING'S COLLEGE TOURS, INC.

13320 N.W. 18 COURT

MIAMI, FL 33167

OWNER: ANTONIO KING, C.E.O.

M/WBE

2. Require that King's College Tours, Inc., of Miami, Florida, lose eligibility to transact new business with the Board for a period of fourteen (14) months, pursuant to School Board Policy 6320, Purchasing, effective June 19, 2013.

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Exhibit 2

**Vendor Application for K.T Travel Worldwide
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| Vendor #: _____ Date: _____ Assigned: _____ Assigned By: _____ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 A. <u>46-3528988</u> Federal Employer Identification Number if none _____ Owner's Social Security Number | 6. Type of Business <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation (State incorporated) <u>FLORIDA</u> (Date incorporated) <u>08/21/13</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship (One individual owner) <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Joint venture <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 B. Name of Business This name will be used on purchase orders and checks issued to your company. <u>KT TRAVEL WORLDWIDE</u> Name of Firm, Individual(s), Partner or Corporation Doing Business As (if same as above, leave blank) <u>1702 NW 80TH ST</u> Street Address <u>MIAMI</u> <u>FL</u> <u>33147</u> City State Zip Code | 7. Licenses Occupational License No. _____ (Attach copy of license to application) Issued by _____ Certificate of Competency (if applicable) _____ Other Licenses _____ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Exhibit 3

**Bidder qualification form submitted by King's College Tours, Inc.
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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
SCHOOL BOARD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
1450 Northeast Second Avenue
Miami, FL 33132

BIDDER QUALIFICATION FORM

BID NO. 051-LL08

BID TITLE Charter Bus Service, In and Out of County

BY M Harris

Direct all inquiries to Procurement Management Services.

BUYER NAME: Donna Denson

E-MAIL ADDRESS: ddenson@dadeschools.net

PHONE: (305) 995-2673

FAX NUMBER: _____

TDD PHONE: (305) 995-2400

Bids will be accepted until 2:00 PM on September 8, 2011 in room 331, School Board Administration Building, 1450 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33132, at which time they will be publicly opened. Bids may not be withdrawn for 30 days after opening. (Refer to Instructions to Bidders, para. IV.B.)

The submission of the bid by the vendor, acceptance and award of the bid by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and subsequent purchase orders issued against said award shall constitute a binding, enforceable contract. Unless otherwise stipulated in the bid documents, no other contract documents shall be issued.

I. BIDDER CERTIFICATION AND IDENTIFICATION

- A. I certify that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a bid for the same materials, supplies, or equipment, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I agree to abide by all conditions of this bid; and I certify that I am authorized to sign this bid for the bidder.
- B. Vendor certifies that it satisfies all necessary legal requirements as an entity to do business with The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida.
- C. I certify agreement with the School Board of Miami-Dade County Business Code of Ethics, and agree to comply with this Code and all applicable School Board contracting and procurement policies and procedures. (School Board Policy 6460)
- D. I certify that I, nor my company or its principals, or any wholly owned subsidiary are currently debarred or in default of any bid, purchase order or contract with the School board or any other private or governmental entity.

II. INDEMNIFICATION

The Bidder shall hold harmless, indemnify and defend the indemnities (as hereinafter defined) against any claim, action, loss, damage, injury, liability, cost or expense of whatsoever kind or nature including, but not by way of limitation, attorney's fees and court costs arising out of bodily injury to persons, including death, or damage to tangible property arising out of or incidental to the performance of this contract (including goods and services provided thereto) by or on behalf of the Bidder, whether or not due to or caused in part by the negligence or other culpability of the indemnity, excluding only the sole negligence or culpability of the indemnity. The following shall be deemed to be indemnities: The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, its members, officers and employees.

III. PERFORMANCE SECURITY, is required on this bid. YES NO

Refer to INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS, para. VII./IF PERFORMANCE SECURITY IS REQUIRED, PLEASE INDICATE THE TYPE TO BE FURNISHED: Performance Bond Check (Cashier's, Certified, or equal)

IV. FLORIDA CERTIFIED SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, please indicate: YES NO

An original, manual signature is required on the Bidder Qualification Form.
(Bidder is requested to use blue ink, do not use pencil)

Legal Name of Vendor King's College Tours Inc.

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Telephone No. 305-953-7771 Fax No. 866-547-8921

E-mail Address Kingstours@aol.com

By: Signature (Original) Antonio King Date 9/5/11

Name (Typed or Printed) Antonio King Date 9/5/11

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Exhibit 4

**Florida Dept. of State, Div. of Corporations Entity Detail
for K.T. Travel Worldwide, Inc.**

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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS****Detail by Entity Name****Florida Profit Corporation**

KT TRAVEL WORLDWIDE INC.

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APPENDIX A

Mr. King's Response
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1. Antonio King is the Chief Executive Officer of King's College Tours. King's College Tours is a separate legal entity incorporated in Florida in 2000. King's College Tours provides a broad range of travel related services for groups and individuals, as well as operates a personal fleet of charter buses. Since its inception, King's College Tours has never engaged in any type of business with KT Travel Worldwide. Additionally, there was and never have been any affiliations between King's College Tours and KT Travel Worldwide.
2. Effective June 19, 2013, King's College Tours Inc. was placed on a 14 month suspension from the Miami- Dade County Public Schools (051-LL08 Charter Bus Services in and out of county). Upon receipt of the suspension notice, King's College Tours Inc. immediately ceased all business dealings with Miami-Dade County Public Schools.
3. On October 1, 2013, Antonio King, was instructed to attend a meeting at the Miami Dade County Public Schools OIG Office with an OIG investigator regarding an investigation surrounding the suspension. During said meeting, the terms of the suspension were further explained and clarified, inclusive of explicit directives that King's College Tours could under no circumstances conduct any business with Miami-Dade County Public Schools until the suspension was lifted.
4. Additionally, during the aforementioned meeting, Antonio King was informed by OIG investigator that family member, Erica Thompson, submitted an application to become a vender with Miami- Dade County Public Schools. Donna Denson also indicated that the application was submitted by Erica Thompson on behalf of her personal company, KT Travel Worldwide, and was sent from a fax number associated with King's College Tours. After being confronted with this information for the first time by the OIG investigator, Antonio King acknowledged the familial relationship held between him and Erica Thompson (cousins). Antonio King also acknowledged that Erica Thompson expressed to him her intention to one day start her own company. However, Antonio King could not speak on what type of company Erica Thompson intended to start, as he was not privy to any information regarding Erica Thompson's separate and personal business endeavors. Additionally, Antonio King denied any connection between KT Travel Worldwide and King's College Tours. He also denied assisting Erica Thompson in submitting a vendor application to Miami Dade Public Schools in regards to her company, KT Travel Worldwide. Further, he denied personally or professionally using KT Travel Worldwide as a front to continue providing vendor services to Miami Dade Public Schools during King's College Tours suspension period.
5. Immediately following the meeting, and as shared with the OIG investigator during the meeting, Antonio King reached out to Erica Thompson to request that she rescind the vendor application submitted to Miami Dade Public Schools in regards to her personal company, KT Travel Worldwide. This request was made in Antonio King's effort to avoid

any further confusion or speculation regarding any connection between the two separate companies.

6. As stated within the report received from the Office of Inspector General, and by her own admission, Erica Thompson is an employee of King's College Tours. Erica Thompson serves in the capacity of a secretary for King's College Tours and has interned and worked for the company since 2011. As can be expected, Erica Thompson and other King's College Tours employees have unlimited access to the office equipment to assist in both business and personal matters, inclusive of, but not limited to, telephones, fax machines, computers, office supplies, etc. In fact, as a part of its initiative to encourage entrepreneurial skills and opportunities, King's College Tours has hosted multiple workshops within the office discussing various business related topics that are open to employees, students, partners, sponsors, and current and past clients. As a result, many people have access to the office and often time take advantage of the multiple resources available within the office. As such, Erica Thompson's vendor application in regards to her personal company, KT Travel Worldwide, may very well have been submitted to Miami Dade Public Schools from a fax machine within King's College Tours office, as Antonio King admitted to the OIG investigator in the meeting.
7. Prior to the suspension, King's College Tours has served as a vender with Miami Dade County Public Schools for 12 years, without incident. It is King's College Tours intent to continue its partnership with Miami Dade County Public Schools upon the completion of the suspension period. Antonio King regrets any confusion during this investigative process and maintains that there is absolutely no connection between King's College Tours and KT Travel Worldwide. Please feel free to contact Antonio King should you have any additional questions or concerns.

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APPENDIX B

**Ms. Thompson's Response
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Response to OIG Report. - Response to report # (SB1314-1010) (May 22, 2014)

KT Travel Worldwide is a corporation started by me Erica Thompson in order to provide travel domestically, but the main focus is international import group travel from different schools and organizations in the Caribbean Island. I started KT Travel because I felt there was a opportunity because Kings College Tours was suspended for 14 months. I submitted my application on becoming a vendor to the Miami Dade County Public Schools in hopes of building a relationship with schools in my local area. I was in the process of obtaining all the needed licenses to operate for MDCPS. As far as transportation I was going to ONLY use approved charter bus companies on the MDCPS list. My vendor application was faxed from the King's College Tours fax machine and Mr. King was unaware of my actions. My company and King's College Tours have no affiliation and Mr. King did not help me get my business together. I personally took the initiative to move forward with my business.