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To: The Honorable Daniella Levine Cava, Mayor, Miami-Dade County

The Honorable Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman

and Members, Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County

From: Felix Jimenez, Inspector General

Date: October 8, 2025

Subject: County Contractor Sentenced in Federal Court for Role in Bribery Scheme,

Ref. IG21-0015-I

Jessie Bledsoe, the principal and owner of JB Railroad Contracting, Inc. (JB Railroad), a county contractor, was sentenced today in Miami federal court for his role in a felony bribery scheme involving Dale Robinson, the former Acting General Superintendent of the Department of Transportation and Public Works' (DTPWs') Track and Guideway (Rail) Division, as well as Robinson's spouse, Marcia Robinson. Bledsoe, who pled guilty to the bribery charges on May 9, 2025, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Beth Bloom to a term of imprisonment of four (4) months, to be followed by a three (3) year term of supervised release, including a special condition of eight (8) months of home confinement with electronic monitoring, a criminal fine in the amount of \$7,500, and a forfeiture money judgment in the amount of \$75,956.

The bribery scheme involved the procurement of Miami-Dade County railway parts and maintenance for DTPW's Track and Guideway (Rail) Division. As part of the scheme, then Acting Superintendent Robinson illegally solicited a large bribe from Mr. Bledsoe, the co-owner and operator of JB Railroad. The North Dakota-based company did railroad track and rail replacement, as well as repair and maintenance work throughout the United States, including for Miami-Dade County. The bribe was intended to influence Robinson's selection of a contractor for an upcoming welding project. JB Railroad was selected for the project.

This case was initiated by the Miami-Dade County Office of Inspector General (OIG) based on an anonymous complaint originally sent to the Strategic Procurement Division and forwarded to the OIG. The evidence developed by the OIG during its investigation revealed that federal crimes had likely been committed and the case was presented to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Miami Area Corruption Task Force. The OIG continued its investigation jointly with that Task Force.

All three individuals were charged by the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Florida, with felonies related to the bribery scheme. Dale Robinson pled guilty and was sentenced on July 8, 2025, to a term of imprisonment of 18 months, to be followed by a

3-year term of supervised release. A forfeiture money judgment in the amount of \$75,956 was entered against Mr. Robinson as was a fine of \$1,000. Marcia Robinson pled guilty to misprision of a felony for helping her husband cover-up the bribery scheme. She was also sentenced in July to a 3-year term of probation and a \$1,000 criminal fine.

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