



Office of the Inspector General Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Former Lobbyist Richard McDonough Indicted for Pension Fraud, February 2015

Following a joint investigation by the Office of the Inspector General (Office) and the Attorney General's Office, a grand jury indicted former lobbyist Richard McDonough, 69, in connection with his application for and receipt of a state pension. McDonough's pension eligibility was based on his claim that he worked full-time at the Merrimack Special Education Collaborative (MSEC), a public entity, from 2003 to 2008.

During the years McDonough was listed on MSEC's payroll as a salaried, full-time employee, he was earning up to \$1.1 million a year as the principal of his lobbying firm, McDonough Associates.

McDonough's lobbying clients included the Merrimack Education Center (MEC), a private non-profit corporation associated with MSEC.

A Suffolk County grand jury indicted McDonough on the charges of presenting a false claim (one count) and procurement fraud (one count). The indictment alleges that he defrauded the state pension system by falsely representing himself as a full-time public employee of MSEC. Investigators from the Office continue to assist in the prosecution.

For more information see the Attorney General's press release: <http://www.mass.gov/ago/news-and-updates/press-releases/2015/2015-02-23-mcdonough-indictment.html>.