



Office of the Inspector General Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Former Non-Profit Facilities Director Sentenced to Federal Prison on Bribery Charges, February 2015

On February 17, 2015, Charles Feeney, the former facilities director of two Somerville non-profit organizations, was sentenced to six months in federal prison for soliciting bribes from a general contractor working for the two organizations.

Feeney, 60, of Billerica, was sentenced by U.S. Senior District Judge Mark L. Wolf to six months in prison with three years of supervised release, and was ordered to pay \$142,927 in restitution. In May 2012, Feeney pleaded guilty to two counts of soliciting bribes. The case was investigated by the Massachusetts Inspector General's Office along with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of the Inspector General.

Feeney was the facilities director for Community Alternative Residential Environments, Inc. (CARE) and Walnut Street Center (WSC), which provide support services for developmentally disabled adults and their families. Feeney's job was to oversee renovations to property purchased by CARE and WSC and to solicit bids for a general contractor to undertake the work. Feeney told executives at CARE and WSC that he had received three bids for the project, but in fact there were no bids. Instead, Feeney made a deal with a general contractor he knew. The contractor would be hired to work on CARE/WSC's building and, in exchange, Feeney's business, C.T. Feeney & Sons Electrical Services, would get the electrical subcontract.

Feeney received more than \$139,000 for the electrical subcontract. After Feeney's actions were uncovered, the two non-profits incurred more than \$142,000 in costs to determine whether the renovations had been performed properly and to assist the government in the criminal investigation.

For additional information on the prosecution, see the U.S. Department of Justice's Press Release: <http://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/facilities-director-sentenced-bribery-connection-building-contracts>"><http://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/facilities-director-sentenced-bribery-connection-building-contracts>.