



PRESS RELEASE

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The Treasury Office of Inspector General conducted an investigation of Veronica Hardy-Everette, former Employee Development Specialist, Financial Management Service (FMS), for defrauding the government using the procurement process. From January 1999 through December 2000, Ms Hardy arranged to have more than 100 government training contracts/purchase orders awarded to two software training businesses operated by her spouse, Charles Daniel Everette. Payment totaling more than \$139,600 have been alleged to have been made to Everette's business.

The case was accepted for prosecution by United States Attorney Thomas M. DiBiagio, Baltimore, MD. Both Ms Hardy and her husband have been indicted on 1 count of conspiracy, 15 counts of wire fraud, and 10 counts of conflict of interest. For more details, please see the [Department of Justice Press Release](#).