

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

K #: 10-029 General Design Professionals Inc.

Date Opened: Feb. 17, 2010 Date Closed:

Name of investigator: Karl Ross
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Predication: COE opened a case into General Design Professionals Inc. (GDP) after a meeting on Feb. 3, 2010, with Miami-Dade County economic development officials in which officials stated concerns about the legitimacy of GDP and its involvement in a federally funded recreation center at Sherbondy Park in the city of Opa-locka. One of the officials in charge of overseeing and monitoring federal funding of said project stated he had been unable to obtain records from city officials concerning GDP, and raised concerns about the firm's possible ties to Emmanuel Nwadike, the city's former engineering consultant and president of PAWA A&E. Nwadike was arrested in 2008 and faces charges for a kickback scheme involving contracts issued through the city's Public Works Department. Sources in Opa-locka had previously voiced similar concerns to COE about GDP, and provided copies of invoices and supporting documents relating to tens of thousands of dollars worth of payments in connection with the project, known as Sherbondy Village. The documents showed that Glen Englehardt, a civil engineer with ties to Nwadike, was listed as an officer and qualifier for GDP. (Note: Englehardt, by his own admission, stated that he was and remains employed by PAWA.)

Allegation: The allegations regarding GDP are that the firm was created as a front for PAWA and its owner, Nwadike, and that GDP was allowed to assume PAWA's role as lead design firm at Sherbondy Village in order to facilitate payments from the city to Nwadike, despite Nwadike's pending criminal charges, which include conspiracy, extortion, fabrication of evidence, unlawful compensation and racketeering. It is believed

that such an arrangement could further violate federal funding guidelines and is contrary to a federal suspension or ban against Nwadike and affiliated entities.

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CONCLUSION:

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