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**OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL FINDS EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COORDINATOR WRONGFULLY APPROVED WIFE'S INELIGIBLE BUSINESS**

Columbus, Ohio, July 17, 2014

The inspector general issued a report of investigation today based on a complaint from the Ohio Department of Administrative Services alleging an employee wrongfully approved an application for certification of an Ohio Minority Business Enterprise.

The investigation found Harry Colson, a supervisor at the Equal Opportunity Division of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, committed wrongful acts to help his wife obtain an Ohio Minority Business Enterprise certification for her business. Even though the business did not qualify for certification, Colson misused his position and exerted his influence over co-workers to "fast-track" the application.

The report of investigation has been provided to the Columbus City Attorney and the Ohio Ethics Commission for consideration.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2014-CA00039 is now available at:

<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/Investigations/2014Investigations.aspx>

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