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**OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL DETERMINES OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
EMPLOYEE INTERVENED IN BIDDING PROCESS**

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The Ohio Inspector General has issued a report of investigation today initiated after several employees at the Ohio Department of Transportation expressed concerns about a fellow state employee's involvement in the selection process for a state contract providing roadside assistance for stranded motorists.

The investigation determined David Holstein, a traffic engineer for the Ohio Department of Transportation, officially recused himself from the process because of his personal friendship with a bidder. However, the evidence showed Holstein remained very engaged and asserted his presence in a variety of ways, creating an appearance of impropriety.

The director of the Ohio Department of Transportation has been asked to consider a set of recommendations and respond to the inspector general within 60 days.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2014-CA00047 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/Investigations/2015Investigations.aspx>

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