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INTERVIEW OF CONTRACTING SPECIALIST: On May 10, 2005, the reporting Agent, accompanied by SA Tim Gorman, FBI, met with Jessica Tucker, Contracting Specialist (CS), U.S. Special Operations Command, Acquisition and Logistics (SOAL), MacDill AFB, FL. Tucker indicated she has been working for two years as a CS and that the Contracting Officer is Karene Spurlin.

Tucker said she was the CS for Task Order 129 to contract USZA22-02-D-0014, an ALMBOS style contract with Sverdrup Technology, Tampa, FL. Tucker said she received a Request for Purchase (RFP), dated November 4, 2004, from Denise Trasker, Financial Analyst, SOAL, requesting \$9,600 for a consultant to assist the PEO Ammunition Program Manager (Don Jones) with discussions in Europe between Jones and ammunition contractors. The RFP needed to be approved no later than November 26, 2004. On November 19, 2004, this amount was modified to \$9,693.

According to Tucker, the \$9,600 amount appears to have come from an email, dated November 2, 2004, from Edward Hayman, Sverdrup, to Robert Kabala, Contracting Officer Representative (COR), SOAL, for Task Order 129. Also receiving this message was Trasker and Jones. The email contained a draft of the justification for PEO-SP to submit to Tucker requesting a consultant to do 40 hours of support. Tucker said she questioned to amount shown as being paid to the contractor because it appeared to be very high. She subsequently received an email from Jones with additional justification, which was forwarded to the CO for final approval.

Tucker said that on November 26, 2004, Modification 1 was issued to the contract adding the \$9,692.89 to cover the consulting expense. Also, included by Tucker was an invoice from Strategic Defense International (SDI) and signed by Thomas Spellissy, President SDI and approved by Bruce Mills, VP Sverdrup. The invoice request \$8,000 to cover 40 hours work at \$200 per hour.

Tucker stated that it was her opinion that the CO was pressured by the management in SOAL-SP to sign the funding request. Tucker said she was aware of our request submitted by the Chief of Staff to SOAL and she was in the process of looking to see if their were any documents, other than those already provided to SOCOM IG, that she could provide.

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