

ETHICS HOTLINE CASE 08-01

December, 2008

This was an anonymous complaint to the Hotline. It was alleged that there is favoritism in the award of contracts to Presentation Resource Inc. (PRI) because of a relationships between the head of the city's Special Events department and PRI.

The Inspector General investigated, see attached report.

The head of Special Events does know, and has a friendly relationship with, PRI staff.

There were 3 contract awards to PRI in 2007-2008. None were bid out, but instead, went through other procurement procedures.

One was a purchase order for \$4105 that only requires 2 written quotes. The next was a proprietary award for \$39,963.50 and the third was an administrative award in the amount of \$45,000. These awards all followed existing city procedures.

The Ethics Officer will summarize the procedures for these types of awards and post on the ethics website and prepare a report for the Commission.