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**Inspector General Comments on City's
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program**

In a letter to Mayor Landrieu, the Office of Inspector General today outlined problems with the program intended to give disadvantaged businesses opportunities to contract with the City.

The OIG found that the program lacked clear legal rules, did not comply with open meeting laws, and did not have adequate staff or funding to carry out its mission.

Inspector General Ed Quatrevaux said, "The panel that certifies businesses does not meet in public and maintains no records of deliberations."

The Landrieu administration has announced plans to redesign the program after a study is completed.

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The letter is attached to this press release. Other reports issued by the Office of Inspector General can be viewed and downloaded from the website at <http://www.nolaoig.org>.

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