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CITY COMPLIANCE WITH VENDOR PAYMENT LAWS AND POLICIES INCONSISTENT

The City of New Orleans Inspector General today released a report titled “Inspection of the Vendor Payment Process of the City of New Orleans.”

The report examines three months of payments made to City vendors to determine if payments were being made pursuant to City Code and policies.

The analysis showed that vendor payments totaling \$1,030,343 were made without purchase orders in violation of City Code, and a total of \$4,497,493 in vendor payments to collections agencies was not included in the City’s budget.

Inspector General Ed Quatrevaux said, “City purchase orders provide the best oversight and documentation of City payments to vendors. Without the accountability they provide, the City’s finances are at greater risk of error or fraud. And including all revenues and expenses in the City’s budget is not only required by state law, it is the only way to ensure that City expenditures are available for public scrutiny.”

The report 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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