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**STATEMENT**

The New Orleans Office of Inspector General today terminated its agreement with the Recovery School District to provide a fraud deterrence program for construction.

The decision to withdraw came after the Construction Fraud Unit experienced difficulties as it attempted to fulfill its duties. The officials who originally requested the OIG's oversight have subsequently departed from the RSD. Without their goodwill to overcome the lack of authority for RSD operations, the oversight was unworkable.

Inspector General Ed Quatrevaux said, "The experiment was undertaken at the request of the RSD Superintendent and Secretary of Education, but confirmed that OIGs must operate with statutory authority."

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