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Government Official Pleads Guilty to Accepting Bribes

NORFOLK, Va. – A General Services Administration (GSA) Contracting Official pleaded guilty today to accepting bribes.

According to court documents, beginning in approximately December of 2015 and continuing through August 2019, Charles W. Jones, 59, of Staunton, accepted bribes from government contractors in return for awarding federal contracts to Contractors USA and SDC Contracting LLC. Jones was employed as a Supervisory Construction Control Representative with the GSA in Richmond. He had responsibility for the management and oversight of construction and renovation projects at certain federal buildings throughout the Norfolk, Richmond, and Alexandria areas, including federal courthouses. Jones received bribes totaling \$411,192.00 from the President of Contractors USA Inc., in exchange for awarding them federal construction projects. In October of 2019, Jones received a cash payment from the President of SDC Contracting LLC in exchange for awarding a contract valued at approximately \$1,369,501.00

The Presidents of Contractors USA, Inc., and SDC Contracting LLC have previously pleaded guilty in the U.S. Federal District Court in Norfolk to related charges.

Jones is scheduled to be sentenced on November 9. He faces a maximum of 15 years in prison. Actual sentences for federal crimes are typically less than the maximum penalties. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after taking into account the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Jessica D. Aber, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; Eric D. Radwick, Special Agent in Charge of the GSA Office of Inspector General Mid-Atlantic Division; Brian Dugan, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Norfolk Field Office; Christopher Dillard, Special Agent in Charge for the Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General, Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS); and Greg Gross, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) Economic Crimes Field Office, made the announcement after U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert J. Krask accepted the plea.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Heck is prosecuting the case.

A copy of this press release is located on the website of the [U.S. Attorney's Office](#) for the Eastern District of Virginia. Related court documents and information are located on the website of the [District Court](#) for the Eastern District of Virginia or on [PACER](#) by searching for Case No. 2:22-cr-66.

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