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## **Guilty Pleas in Contract Bid Collusion**

Today Commissioner of Investigation Rose Gill Hearn and Special Commissioner of Investigation Richard J. Condon announced that Eastco Building Services, Inc., through its attorney, pleaded guilty yesterday to Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a felony, and agreed to forfeit \$100,000 to the New York County District Attorney's Office. Eastco's owner, Steven Brown, and Manager, Raj Durbal, also pleaded guilty to Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the Second Degree, a misdemeanor. They were each promised a sentence of three years probation.

The guilty pleas resulted from an investigation conducted by the Office of the Special Commissioner of Investigation and the Department of Investigation's Inspector General of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services. Details of the investigation were announced publicly in an SCI report issued on July 25, 2006.

DOI Commissioner Gill Hearn and Special Commissioner Condon thank New York County District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau, Patrick J. Dugan, Chief of the Investigation Division, Eric Seidel, Chief of the Rackets Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Cesar de Castro, who prosecuted the case.

Questions should be referred to Laurel Wright-Hinckson at (212) 510-1479. The Office of the Special Commissioner of Investigation is part of the New York City Department of Investigation and Special Commissioner Condon reports to Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn.