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To: Hon. Carlos A. Gimenez, Mayor, Miami-Dade County  
Hon. Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Patra Liu, Interim Inspector General

Date: November 5, 2013

Subject: Restitution Ordered by the Court in the Criminal Prosecution of County Grant Recipient, Ref. IG10-19

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Charles Leon Cutler (Cutler), former Chief Executive Officer of Veterans Employment Transition Services, Inc. (VETS), a county grant recipient, was ordered to pay the County \$15,232 in restitution this past Wednesday. Cutler was in court for the final hearing regarding his Grand Theft prosecution. The felony charge stems from Cutler's misappropriation of grant funds awarded by the Miami-Dade County Community Action and Human Services Department (CAHSD), f/k/a the Department of Human Services. The grant to VETS was intended to fund a veteran's summit in 2008, instead, Cutler diverted funds to friends, family, and himself.

Cutler, who entered a plea and was convicted of this charge, was also convicted and sentenced on two other counts of Grand Theft stemming from another publicly-funded grant earlier this year.

The OIG will coordinate with the County's Finance Department and CAHSD to ensure that the restitution payments are credited properly.

cc: Russell Benford, Deputy Mayor, Miami-Dade County  
Lucia Davis-Raiford, Miami-Dade Community Action and Human Services Department  
Charles Anderson, Commission Auditor, Miami-Dade County