

# WHISTLEBLOWERS



## & GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

When the government uses a private company to provide goods and services, it typically does so via a contract. Our government relies on outside companies to provide a number of services and projects, from building roads to providing services related to national security and providing healthcare.

The government also relies on a number of services that give aid and essentials to those serving in our military.

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS  
IN FRAUD AGAINST THE  
GOVERNMENT ARE  
LOST EVERY SINGLE  
YEAR

## HOW MUCH MONEY IS RECOVERED THROUGH THE FALSE CLAIMS ACT?

\$1.1 BILLION

\$3.5 BILLION

In fiscal year 2015, the government recovered \$3.5 Billion in settlements and judgments from civil cases involving fraud and false claims. Of that recovered amount, \$1.1 billion was related specifically to cases alleging false claims for payment under government contracts.

## INCENTIVES TO WHISTLEBLOWERS

In exchange for the information they provide, whistleblowers receive a percentage of the recovered amount. This reward is typically between 15 and 30 percent of the total recovery.



## HOW WHISTLEBLOWER CASES WORK

**1** | File a claim through the assistance of a whistleblower attorney.

The Justice Department will then

**2** | investigate the allegations of fraud to determine whether or not they will intervene.

If fraud is found and an amount is

**3** | recovered, the whistleblower will then be awarded their percentage of the recovery.



The Justice Department's press release about recoveries made via the False Claims Act gives us some examples of the process in action:

## EXAMPLES OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACT FRAUD



### THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Reached a \$146 million settlement with Supreme Group B.V. and several of its subsidiaries for false claims about food, water, fuel, and transportation of cargo for American soldiers in Afghanistan.



### LOCKHEED MARTIN INTEGRATED SYSTEMS

Paid \$27.5 million and DRS Technical Services Inc. paid \$13.7 million over allegations that they billed for the services of higher level, qualified employees required under contracts, while their actual employees lacked the required job qualifications stipulated in the contract.



### VMWARE INC. AND CARAHSOFT TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION

Paid the United States \$75.5 million and Iron Mountain Companies paid \$44.5 million to settle claims that their sales practices resulted in overcharging government agencies for software products and services sold through GSA's Multiple Award Schedule.

Have You Witnessed Fraud Relating to Government Contracts?

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