

## **Co-conspirator Sentenced**

On July 18, 2006, Michael E. Sullivan was sentenced in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Western Division, to 6 months of home detention and 12 months of probation. Sullivan was ordered to pay a \$31,300 fine and a \$100 special assessment. This sentencing follows Sullivan's March 15, 2006, guilty plea to a charge of conspiracy.

In the spring of 2002, Sullivan's co-conspirator, Lawrence M. Fradkin, a former EPA official, recommended that a contractor whose contract he oversaw enter into a subcontract with a university to develop a database that identified EPA scientists and their areas of expertise for use by the private sector. Fradkin recommended that the university hire Sullivan to develop the database. Fradkin conspired with Sullivan to defraud the Government of \$60,000, of which Sullivan took \$30,000. Fradkin had developed the database on EPA time and sent it to Sullivan, who submitted it to the university. Fradkin was previously convicted and sentenced for conspiracy, making a false statement, and accepting an unlawful gratuity.

*(Case Cost: \$249,485)*