

Contractor Settles Civil Action for \$15,000 Regarding False Claims Case

On April 12, 2007, LMI & Associates (LMI) and its owners, Larry and Laura McClure, of DeSoto, Texas, entered into a settlement agreement with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Texas in which they agreed to pay \$15,000 to settle a civil false claims case.

The Government contended that LMI and the McClures submitted a \$6,200 invoice to EPA for work that was not authorized by EPA nor performed by LMI. EPA subsequently paid the invoice. Due to a pending bankruptcy petition by the McClures, the settlement amount will be included in the bankruptcy. Prior to reaching this settlement, the McClures and LMI were debarred from Government contracting for 3 years.

In addition to the civil settlement reached with the Federal Government, on June 26, 2007, both McClures were indicted by the State of Texas. For defrauding EPA of \$6,200, they were each charged with theft, a felony under Texas law.

(Case Cost: \$16,008)