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Subject: Update -- LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE--Essex Holdings, Inc.

Attachments: Essex Holding, Inc. Executive Summary.docx

FYI Update – I was advised this morning the FBI arrested Navin Xavier, CEO Essex Holding, Inc., in Miami, Florida on federal charges involving a number of fraud schemes, to include the Marion County \$1.2 million grant. All media is handled by the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Florida, which will do a routine press release after Xavier's initial appearance in federal court later today. I requested a copy of the indictment, which will be unsealed after the initial appearance, and I will forward when I receive.

Thanks

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FYI -- Situational Awareness Only

In March 2015, the State Inspector General (SIG) referred a report, classified as “law enforcement sensitive,” to state & federal law enforcement titled, “Review of a \$1.2 Million Rural Infrastructure Fund Grant in 2013 to Marion County.” Inasmuch as federal law enforcement had pending matters with common subjects, the state deferred & the FBI took the lead to pursue possible criminal charges. The FBI in South Carolina worked with the FBI in Florida (Miami Division), where Essex Holdings, Inc. was suspected of conducting other confidence schemes. Ultimately, federal authorities decided on federally charging Essex Holdings, Inc. and its principals in the Southern District of Florida on a number of fraud schemes, to include the Marion County \$1.2 million grant. Federal indictments are expected in September 2016.

This info is being brought to your attention inasmuch as federal authorities are currently re-contacting witnesses in South Carolina to be on standby for potential future federal criminal proceedings, which may generate inquiry to your offices.

This matter is still “law enforcement sensitive,” so please do not disseminate outside of those in your respective area of responsibility with a need to know. I will keep you advised. I attached the report's Executive Summary as background. If you need further, don't hesitate to call (429-4946).

Thanks