

Treasury Inspector General Investigation Leads to Debarment

As part of a multi-agency criminal investigation focused on the misuse of government purchase cards issued under the International Merchant Purchase Authorization Card (IMPAC) program, an Agriculture purchasing agent has recently become the twelfth person to be convicted as part of this ongoing probe. The [Justice Department](#) reports that Ms. Turner, who previously pled guilty to unlawfully accepting supplementation of her government salary, has been sentenced to one year of probation, ordered to pay a fine, and complete community service. Ms. Turner's activity was identified by way of information developed during a Treasury Office of Inspector General inquiry which identified Craig M. Vinarsky, President, Plum Resources, Inc., Schaumburg, IL, as having given gift certificates and other items of value to various Treasury Bureau personnel. In September of 2003, Mr. Vinarsky entered a guilty plea for payment of a gratuity and, recently, both he and Plum Resources have been debarred from doing business with the government for the next 15 years.