BEFORE THE BOARD OF ETHICS WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF

BELTSVILLE INDUSTRIES

GROUP, INC.

COMPLAINT NO: C-15-02

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SUMMARY OF DECISION

On or about September 10, 2015, the Board of Ethics ("Board") filed a Complaint alleging that the Beltsville Industries Group ("BIG") had violated Sections 4-3(d)(1), 4-3(d)(2) and 4-3(d)(3) of the WSSC Code of Ethics. The Complaint alleged that George Joseph Grillo, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of BIG, a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) sub-contractor, participated in a scheme whereby false documents were submitted and exchanged on certain WSSC contracts to make it appear as though minority subcontracting requirements were met, when in fact the requirements had not been met. The details of the scheme were set forth in a written plea agreement entered into by George Grillo in the criminal case *United States v. George Grillo* in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, Case # 8:15-cr-00098-GJH.

The Board held a hearing on the Complaint on September 8, 2016. After considering evidence and argument, the Board issued a written opinion on January 13, 2017 holding that BIG violated Sections 4-3(d)(1),4-3(d)(2) and 4-3(d)(3) of the WSSC Code of Ethics. Pursuant to its authority as set forth in Section 2-5(c) of the Code of Ethics, the Board issued a reprimand and further noted that WSSC may have the discretion to impose certain additional sanctions relating to BIG's contracting status.

On this 9th day of March, 2017, the Board approved the foregoing summary for posting on the WSSC Board of Ethics internet page.

George E. Pruden, I

Chair

BEFORE THE BOARD OF ETHICS WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF

GEORGE GRILLO

COMPLAINT NO: C-15-02

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SUMMARY OF DECISION

On or about September 10, 2015, the Board of Ethics ("Board") filed a Complaint alleging that George Grillo ("Grillo") had violated Sections 4-3(d)(1), 4-3(d)(2) and 4-3(d)(3) of the WSSC Code of Ethics. The Complaint alleged that George Joseph Grillo, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of BIG, a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) sub-contractor, participated in a scheme whereby false documents were submitted and exchanged on certain WSSC contracts to make it appear as though minority subcontracting requirements were met, when in fact the requirements had not been met. The details of the scheme were set forth in a written plea agreement entered into by George Grillo in the criminal case *United States v. George Grillo* in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, Case # 8:15-cr-00098-GJH.

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