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**The Business Integrity Commission Thanks U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District for Cooperation in Three-Year Commission-led Investigation into Multi-Million Dollar Fraud and Anti-Competitive Behavior Committed by Trade Waste Companies**

*U.S. Attorney Announces Indictment of Five Individuals from Local Carting Companies*

New York City Business Integrity Commissioner and Chair Shari C. Hyman today thanked the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District for their cooperation in a three-year, multi-agency investigation that uncovered in excess of \$5 million in fraud committed against union employees and their union benefits fund by private carting companies in New York City.

As noted yesterday in a press release issued by the U.S. Attorney's Office, this investigation culminated in the indictment of John P. Farnsworth, Nicholas J. Farnsworth, Toni Thomson, William Taylor and Stephen D. Tripodi on charges of embezzlement, unlawful payments and health care fraud perpetrated through their involvement with various trucking companies including, but not limited to, Greenwood 2, LLC, Rainbow Transportation Corp., Nicholas J., LLC and Marky O'G, LLC.

"Mayor Bloomberg is committed to ensuring that all of New York City's businesses play by the rules," Deputy Mayor Steel said. "I applaud Commissioner Hyman and the team at BIC for their leadership in bringing these acts of fraud to light, as well as their partner agencies."

"This investigation reinforces the critical role our agency plays in rooting out corruption and fraud within the trade waste industry in New York City and the region," said Commissioner Hyman, "Ensuring a level playing field and opportunities for businesses that operate legitimately and fairly is our mandate, and this case exemplifies the continuing need for this Commission's vigilance in protecting open and honest competition. I applaud U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York Loretta Lynch and her office on this indictment as well as our partners at U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Department of Transportation, the Internal Revenue Service, the Port Authority of NY/NJ and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority for their contributions to this investigation."

The investigation was sparked by a review of an application for a Class II Registration for trade waste removal by Greenwood 2, LLC sent to the Commission on March 26, 2009.

The Business Integrity Commission ("BIC") is both a law enforcement and regulatory agency charged with the oversight of the private carting industry, the businesses operating in the City's public wholesale markets, and the shipboard gambling industry. The mission of BIC is to eliminate organized crime and other forms of corruption and criminality from the industries it regulates.