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JOEL BONDY SUSPENDED, LIU HALTS ALL PAYMENTS TO SPHERION

NEW YORK, NY – Subsequent to New York City Comptroller John Liu's call for an emergency session of the Office of Payroll Administration Board of Directors, Comptroller Liu and Mayor Bloomberg have agreed to suspend Executive Director Joel Bondy indefinitely without pay.

Comptroller Liu also suspended all payments to the vendor Spherion -- effective immediately -- until the City conducts a comprehensive review of subcontracting, consultant billing and recordkeeping practices.

Comptroller Liu's office will continue to assist the U.S. Attorney's Office and DOI in their ongoing investigation into the CityTime project.

Just yesterday, Comptroller Liu rejected a \$32 million encumbrance on the CityTime project, pursuant to the 9/28/2010 agreement that stipulates the City will not pay any more money until the full and timely completion of the CityTime project.

New York City Comptroller John Liu had called for the emergency session of the New York City Office of Payroll Administration "OPA" Board of Directors upon yesterday's announcement by the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York and the NYC Department of Investigations of massive fraud and \$80 million in misappropriations relating to the CityTime project. Comptroller Liu had stated: "This further underscores the need to more closely monitor expensive outside consultant contracts.

As recently as last week, the Comptroller's Office has continuously provided series of documents to DOI for their investigation. The Comptroller's Office will continue to assist the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York and the NYC Department of Investigations in their ongoing investigation into the CityTime project.

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