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**OIG Criminal Investigator Tom Boulton Receives
Outstanding Collaborative Investigation Award from
United States Department of Justice**



OIG Criminal Investigator Tom Boulton, left, with Acting United States Attorney Corey Amundson, center, and Louisiana Inspector General Stephen Street, right.

Baton Rouge – Tom Boulton, a Criminal Investigator and Supervisor with the Louisiana Office of State Inspector General (OIG), has been honored by the United States Attorney’s Office for

the Middle District of Louisiana for his investigative work in *United States of America v. Alden Hall*.

Earlier this year, a federal criminal jury returned verdicts of guilty as charged on five felony counts of financial aid fraud offenses and money laundering by Alden Hall, the owner and CEO of a Cosmetology School in Baker, Louisiana. Boulton is a designated agent on the Louisiana Public Corruption Task Force, a formal partnership between OIG and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). As part of his duties with the task force, Boulton worked in partnership with agents from the FBI, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigations and Department of Education OIG to investigate the Alden Hall case and assist the U.S. Attorney's Office in securing the guilty verdicts.

Acting United States Attorney Corey Amundson praised the efforts of the investigative team, whose "hard work and dedication proved that nearly a quarter of a million dollars in federal Pell Grant money had been obtained through fraud."

Boulton, who previously served for 12 years as an investigator with the Economic Crimes Unit of the East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney's Office, joined the Inspector General's Office in 2008. Louisiana Inspector General Stephen Street noted that Boulton has played a vital role in many successful criminal cases since joining OIG. "Tom has a wealth of knowledge and experience conducting white collar criminal investigations, and has been a great asset to OIG. It is not surprising that he should receive this honor, and the positive results of this and other cases he has worked speak for themselves."

For more details on the Alden Hall case, see the following:

[School Owner and CEO Convicted of Federal Financial Aid Fraud Offenses and Money Laundering](#)
