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City's Ad Valorem Tax Collection Program Yields Little Value

The New Orleans Office of Inspector General today released a report titled "Evaluation of the City of New Orleans's Delinquent Property Tax Collection Program."

The evaluation examined the City's use of a contractor to collect delinquent property taxes during the 2010 tax year. During this time, the City paid the contractor \$3,317,090.

The analysis showed that the collections contract cost the city ten times the cost for collecting taxes in-house and that some of the contractor's activities were not effective in collecting taxes.

"We found inflated costs and services with unproven effectiveness in the City's delinquent tax collection program," stated Inspector Ed Quatrevaux.

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