

# AECOM FACT SHEET

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## THE PROPOSED CONTRACTOR FOR THE COP ACADEMY

### WHAT IS AECOM?

*A massive, multi-national, publicly traded engineering firm based in Los Angeles, California. AECOM designs and leads construction projects for prisons, police headquarters, stadiums, bridges, and other infrastructure projects. **They made \$18 billion in profits last year.***

### CONTROVERSIAL PROJECTS

**US Military Contract:** In 2004, AECOM carried out a \$683 million contract for maintenance activities for the U.S. army, Iraqi army, and Afghan army. Additionally, they overbilled, or could not support the charges, of 14% of what researchers studied. (2004) They had a similar situation with a contract for the Australian government.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Australian Toll Road Lawsuit**

In 2015, AECOM paid out \$201 million in Australia to settle a lawsuit charging fraudulent practices with investors.<sup>2</sup>

### NOTABLE SCANDALS

#### **False Claims Act Violation (defrauding governmental programs)**

Approximately \$65.5 million in cumulative penalties over time<sup>3</sup>

**Examples include:** Falsely represented and charged U.S. Department of Energy for deficient goods and services, which **failed to be of the highest quality for nuclear facilities**. False claims to the DOE for overtime and premium pay and complying with the contract's internal audit requirements. Ultimately paid out a \$135 million settlement to the US DOE.<sup>4</sup> (2016)

#### **Fraud Violations**

**Example:** Tishman Construction, a subsidiary of AECOM, admitted to **fraudulently overbilling clients** and agreed to pay more than \$20 million in restitution to victims and penalties to the federal government.<sup>5</sup>

#### **Cost Overruns**

**Example:** Construction of a 2,000-bed in Michigan jail stopped due to going **\$91 million over budget**. They terminated the project after the County has already spent \$154 million on it.<sup>6</sup>

## POLITICAL MOTIVATIONS

**Daniel R. Tishman** | *AECOM Director, Board of Directors* | *Runs Tishman Realty*

**One and only political donation: \$50,000 to Citizens for Rahm Emanuel** of February 23, 2015,<sup>7</sup> one day before the February Mayoral Election in which Jesús “Chuy” García forced Mayor Emanuel into a runoff.

**\*AECOM has made \$109,980 in political contributions over the years in Illinois.** Such as the *Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioners and Toni Preckwinkle, current Cook County Board President and a mayoral candidate.*<sup>8</sup>

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## FOOTNOTES

**1** [http://psm.du.edu/media/documents/us\\_research\\_and\\_oversight/sigir/audits/us\\_sigir\\_10-005.pdf](http://psm.du.edu/media/documents/us_research_and_oversight/sigir/audits/us_sigir_10-005.pdf)

**2** <https://www.wsj.com/articles/aecom-unit-pays-us-201-million-to-settle-australia-toll-road-law-suit-1442826365>

**3** <https://violationtracker.goodjobsfirst.org/parent/aecom>

**4** <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/feb/02/corporate-corruption-and-government-failure-to-act-whos-running-this-country>

**5** <https://violationtracker.goodjobsfirst.org/parent/aecom>

<https://www.prisonlegalnews.org/news/2017/apr/5/cost-overruns-halt-construction-massive-michigan-jail/>

**6** <https://www.prisonlegalnews.org/news/2017/apr/5/cost-overruns-halt-construction-massive-michigan-jail/>

**7** <https://illinoissunshine.org>

**8** <https://illinoissunshine.org>