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The Office of the State Prosecutor has announced that David Joseph Clemons, 59, of Bel Air, Maryland, has pleaded guilty to Bribery and Conspiracy to Commit Bribery.

Mr. Clemons is the owner and operator of Polar Bear HVAC, a business that performed work for the Baltimore City Public Schools. On April 27, 2006, the Grand Jury for Baltimore City alleged that Clemons bribed Rajiv Dixit, the former city schools facility manager who is incarcerated on theft, embezzlement and bribery charges. Today, Mr. Clemons admitted that he and his employees provided free labor to Mr. Dixit at his private home and personal businesses from 1999-2003 with the intent to influence Mr. Dixit in the awarding of work at school facilities.

The Court sentenced Mr. Clemons to a 2 year period of incarceration, suspended, and ordered that Mr. Clemons serve 3 years of supervised probation, complete 200 hours of community service, and pay \$10,000 in fines.

In addition, as a special condition of the plea agreement, Mr. Clemons has made a \$10,000 donation to the Baltimore City Public Schools, and another \$10,000 contribution to "College Bound," a non-profit organization that assists Baltimore City School students pay for college.

Mr. Clemons' conviction is the 10th in the State Prosecutor's ongoing investigation into corruption within the city school system. The investigation continues, and those with information about possible corruption are encouraged to call the State Prosecutor.