

Quotes for media review from *Whistleblowing: A Guide to Government Reward Programs (How to collect million dollar rewards for reporting fraud)*, by Joel D. Hesch, Esq., and available at [www.HowToReportFraud.com](http://www.HowToReportFraud.com)

So far, the DOJ Reward Program has brought the government \$11 billion it may not have tracked down otherwise. It paid whistleblower rewards of \$1.8 billion, which left \$9.2 billion net. Not bad for the whistleblowers and not a bad return on investment for the government either. [p. 12]

DOJ now broadcasts a clear “whistleblowers are welcome” signal, inviting whistleblowers to step forward and collect sizeable rewards for reporting fraud. [p. 41]

The Medicare program is like the house at Halloween that leaves an unattended bowl of candy on the porch. Each child is supposed to take one item. But inevitably, there are some who yield to the temptation of taking handfuls. Medicare relies upon an honor system and only audits about 2% of the claims healthcare providers submit. Sadly, many healthcare providers keep reaching their hands into the Medicare trust fund, helping themselves to more than they are entitled. That’s why the need for whistleblowers is great. [p. 54]

Pharmaceutical companies are among the greatest violators committing fraud and the DOJ Reward Program is designed to hold them accountable. If you bring a valid best-price case against a pharmaceutical company, your reward may be far in excess of the \$1.75 million average.

Some rewards for pharmaceutical fraud are so large that whistleblowers could buy an exotic island somewhere. That is just how much cheating is going on in this area. The combined recovery by DOJ in just 16 pharmaceutical fraud cases is \$3.9 billion. In each, the whistleblowers received huge rewards for stepping forward. [p. 56]

Department of Homeland Security fraud is poised to be one of the next big areas for DOJ rewards. This is because the government is now spending billions of dollars a year to protect the country from terrorism. Unfortunately, whenever the government spends funds, there will be those who cheat. [p. 65]

If you can think of a way to cheat, you can be sure it has been attempted under a military contract. [p. 67]

One of the most fascinating and overlooked aspects of the DOJ Reward Program is that an entrepreneur (someone who does not work for the wrongdoer but is looking for fraud) can be eligible for a DOJ reward. There are many instances where a concerned citizen suspects that a company is cheating and investigates the matter themselves. DOJ has greatly rewarded many of these efforts. [p. 82]

Don’t lose sight of the fact that the cases where DOJ pays big rewards are where you jump start investigations with specific allegations of fraud. [pp. 93-94]