

ILLEGAL HUSBAND/WIFE GOVERNMENT CONTRACT SCHEME:
D.C. Government Office of Payroll and Retirement Services (OPRS),
Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCFO)

Individuals Involved

<p>Company: Websulting, LLC Information Tech. Contracting</p> <p>1400 Eye Street, NW, Suite 1050 Washington, DC 20005 (202) 789-1880 http://www.websulting.com Established: 6/28/2002</p> <p>Has held many contracts over the years with OPRS (OCFO). Currently holds a large contract with D.C. Metropolitan Police Department</p> <p><u>Owners and Founders:</u> Sunil Samuel, CEO Richard L. Strickland, CTO Reji Samuel, President Terry Bradford, CIO</p> <p>For the purpose of appearing legitimate, Sunil Samuel's name is listed as the "owner" on licensing & contractual paperwork with the D.C. government.</p>	<p>Company: Criss, Inc. Information Tech. Contracting</p> <p>1400 Eye Street, NW, Suite 1050 Washington, DC 20005 (202) 682-1787 http://www.crissinc.com Established: June 2009</p> <p>A partner company to Websulting and often sub-contracts to Websulting on OPRS contracts. D.C. government keeps no record of sub-contractors.</p> <p><u>Owners and Founders:</u> Richard L. Strickland</p> <p>Criss, Inc. is known to have been awarded at least one multi-million dollar contract directly with OPRS.</p>	<p>D.C. Office of Payroll & Retirement Services:</p> <p>441 4th Street NW, Suite 420 South Washington, DC</p> <p>Handles District employees' payroll & retirement benefits.</p> <p><u>District Government Employees:</u> Suja H. Strickland, Lillian T. Copelin Payroll PMO Directors</p> <p>For the purpose of appearing legitimate, Lillian Copelin's name appears as the "Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR)" on most District government contractual paperwork. Contractor timesheets and paperwork for ID cards are generally signed by another employee, Lenia Cash.</p>
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- **Richard L. Strickland** and **Suja H. Strickland** share a home located at 2315 KNOTWEED CT, WALDORF MD 20603-4946 and a home phone of (301) 870-1258.

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Account Identifier: District - 06 Account Number - 198120

Owner Information

Owner Name: STRICKLAND, RICHARD L & SUJA H Use: RESIDENTIAL
Principal Residence: YES
Mailing Address: 2315 KNOTWEED CT Deed Reference: 1) / 2022/ 366
WALDORF MD 20603-4946 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address Legal Description
2315 KNOTWEED CT LOT 92 PLAT 4
WALDORF 20603 BERRY HILL MANOR SUB

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Assessment Area	Plat No:	40 117
6	12	244		6069			92	2	Plat Ref:	

Town
Special Tax Areas Ad Valorem
Tax Class

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1994	2,182 SF	21,834.00 SF	

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
2	YES	STANDARD UNIT	SIDING

Source:

http://sdatcert3.resiusa.org/rp_rewrite/details.aspx?County=09&SearchType=STREET&AccountNumber=06%20%20198120

- With **Sunil Samuel** of Websulting listed as the business owner on all D.C. government paperwork, **Lillian T. Copelin** listed as the D.C. government COTR, and **Lenia Cash** signing contractors' timesheets, the conflict of interest between husband and wife **Richard L.** and **Suja H. Strickland** has remained under the radar for years..
- On **December 16, 2008**, a contract valued at approximately **\$2.3 million** was awarded directly to **Criss, Inc.** for IT support with the **OPRS** by Contracting Officer Joseph A. Giddis, with **Lillian T. Copelin** listed as the **COTR**.
 - A copy of the Contract award is attached and is also publicly available: <https://sites.google.com/a/dc.gov/ocfo-procurements/system/app/pages/search?q=criss&scope=search-site>
 - Staggering per-Contractor hourly bill rates (\$131-\$151) appear on page 5 of the Award.
 - Ms. Copelin's name, as the COTR, appears on page 15 of the Award.
 - Mr. Richard Strickland's name appears on page 1 as the Award recipient.
- Although **Lillian Copelin** is listed as the official COTR on the 2008 Contract Award, **Suja Strickland** was the Program Manager for the Unified Payroll and Personnel System (UPPS), mentioned in the Contract, making Mrs. Strickland a direct government supervisor over **Websulting**, partially owned by Richard Strickland, as well as sub-contractor **Criss, Inc.**, a company owned by her own husband.

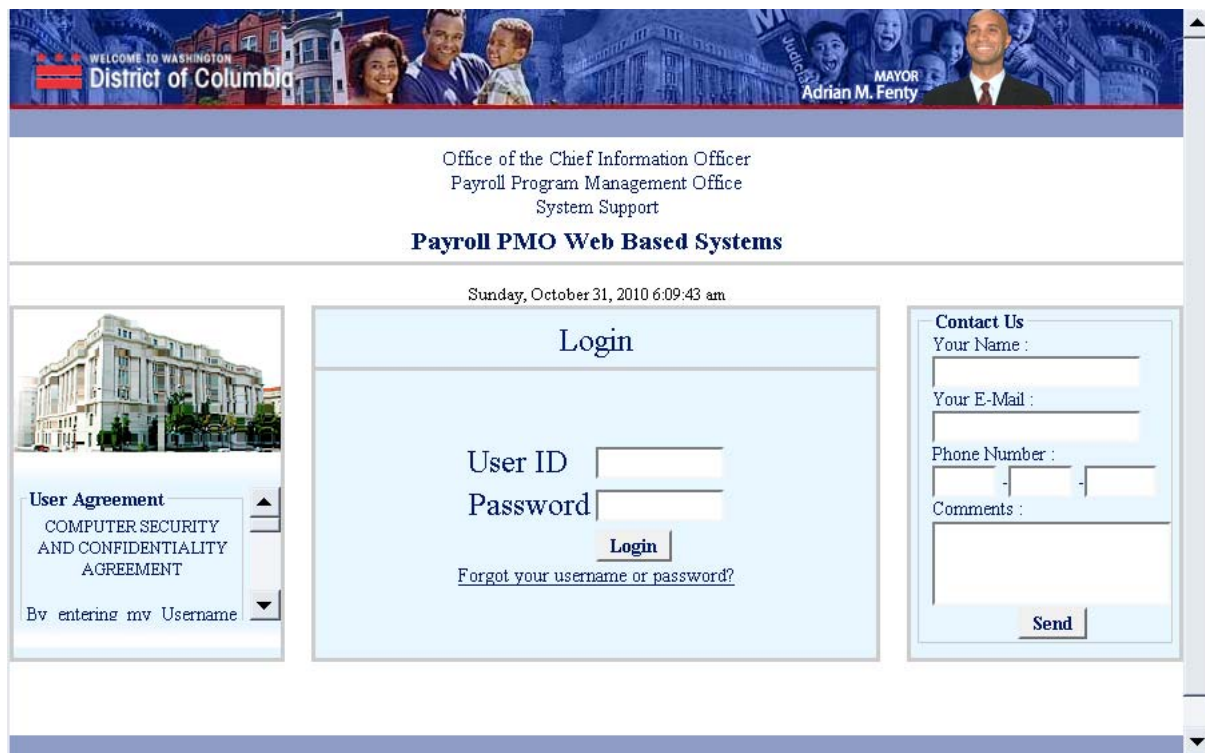
- Publicly available documents, such as the attached “RFP-SOAR Interfaces” document clearly show both **Suja Strickland** and **Lillian Copelin** held joint responsibility over the UPPS computer system, with Suja Strickland being listed first as the primary stake-holder:
<https://sites.google.com/a/dc.gov/ocfo-procurements/system/app/pages/search?q=suja&scope=search-site>

- In addition to the \$2.3 million contract award to **Criss, Inc.**, the following other District government Purchase Orders are known to have been issued to **Websulting, LLC**. This list is only a small fraction of Purchase Orders awarded to Websulting over the years:

○ PO174161	OFFICE OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	\$3,960.00	1/19/2006
○ PO216539-V2	OFFICE OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	\$16,934.04	11/30/2007
○ PO254044	OFFICE OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	\$8,772.00	3/20/2008
○ PO264139	OFFICE OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	\$8,772.00	7/9/2008
○ PO280310	OFFICE OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	\$18,840.00	11/13/2008
○ PO311000	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	\$18,840.00	10/7/2009
○ PO293605-V2	CONSULTING SERVICES	\$743,402.85	3/9/2010
○ PO336953	METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$399,468.20	8/9/2010

- Websulting, LLC continues to have IT contract work with OPRS, as the company is known to still house at least one of OPRS’s computer systems on its own corporate web server:

<https://oprs.websulting.com/w2/>



- Sunil Samuel of Websulting, LLC has gone to great lengths over the years to disguise Richard Strickland’s affiliation with Websulting, consistently listing himself on all official paperwork for the company:
 - The D.C. Office of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) record for Websulting, LLC lists Sunil Samel as the principal owner of the company:

<http://lsdbe.dslbd.dc.gov/public/certification/info.aspx?companyid=5121&lsdbeid=4979&ReturnURL=%2fpublic%2fcertification%2fsearch.aspx%3fcategory%3d%26certExpMonth%3dall%26certExpYear%3dall%26certFilterBusinessName%3dwebsulting>

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Websulting, LLC

Description: Information Technology, Engineering and Consulting
Principal Owner: Sunil Samuel
Contact Name: Sunil Samuel
Address: 1400 I STREET NW, 1050, Washington, DC 20005
Phone: (202) 789-1880
Fax: (202) 682-1786
Email: contact@websulting.com
Website URL: www.websulting.com
Date Established: 6/28/2002
Organization Type: Limited Liability Corporation
Ward: 2

Certification Information

Expire: 7/31/2011
CBE Number: LS9867072011
Preference Points: 5 (2 for LBE; 3 for SBE)

NIGP Codes

Code	Description
208-00-00	COMPUTER SOFTWARE FOR MICROCOMPUTERS (PREPROGRAMMED)
209-00-00	COMPUTER SOFTWARE FOR MINI AND MAINFRAME COMPUTERS (PREPROGRAMMED)
915-51-43	HOSTING SERVICES, WEB SITE
915-51-90	WORLD WIDE WEB (WWW) ADVERTISING SERVICES

- o According to Websulting, LLC's publicly available tax filing information, Sunil Samuel claims himself as the principal owner of the company, listing a different business address of *14829 SILVERSTONE DRIVE, SILVER SPRING, MD 20905*:
http://sdatcert3.resiusa.org/UCC-Charter/DisplayEntity_b.aspx?EntityID=W06907521&EntityName=WEBSULTING+LIMITED+LIABILITY+COMPANY+++++++&TabNum=1

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Taxpayer Services Division
 Entity Name: WEBSULTING LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Dept ID #: W06907521

General Information	Amendments	Personal Property	Certificate of Status
<p>Principal Office (Current): 14829 SILVERSTONE DRIVE SILVER SPRING, MD 20905</p> <p>Resident Agent (Current): SUNIL G SAMUEL 14829 SILVERSTONE DRIVE SILVER SPRING, MD 20905</p> <p>Status: ACTIVE</p> <p>Good Standing: Yes</p> <p>Business Code: Other</p> <p>Date of Formation or Registration: 07/11/2002</p> <p>State of Formation: MD</p> <p>Stock/Nonstock: N/A</p> <p>Close/Not Close: Unknown</p>			
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- Despite **Sunil Samuel's** efforts to hide **Richard Strickland's** affiliation with **Websulting, LLC**, information on Mr. Strickland's **Criss, Inc.** website clearly shows a close business connection between the two companies, with the **Criss, Inc.** home page stating an on-going partnership with Websulting, LLC:

<http://www.crissinc.com/index.html>

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Welcome to CRISS, Inc.

CRISS, Inc. was founded in 1998 to provide cost-effective Information Technology support services to the government and commercial sectors. CRISS has \$8 Million in annual revenue and is growing. Additionally, we are Small Disadvantaged Business.

CRISS, Inc. has a proven track record of providing comprehensive, cost-effective solutions to government and commercial clients. Our professional team members offer our clients teams of Information Specialist, Engineers, Project Managers, Programmers, Web Designers, LAN, WAN and Database Administrators who contribute to each project in order to provide the best solutions to the most complex and technical business problems in both the Internet and Legacy mainframe environments. The combination of our management commitment and our professionals' technical capabilities result in the most rewarding and productive approach to your IT requirements.

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Our primary sub-contractor and partner in all web development work is Websulting, Inc. Their forte is natural-language search engines, which make for a more pleasant user experience.



- Richard Strickland's **Criss, Inc.** company's website clearly lists the D.C. Office of Payroll and Retirement services and project such as UPPS on the "Experience" and "Clients" pages on the website:

<http://www.crissinc.com/clients.html> <http://www.crissinc.com/experience.html>



- Sunil Samuel, Richard Strickland, Suja Strickland, Lenia Cash, and Lillian Copelin** are known to have been working together, on-site at the D.C. government in **Suite 420 South of 441 4th Street NW (One Judiciary Square)** in Washington, D.C. Records from D.C. Government's ID **badging and electronic access control system** which control all doors in 441 4th Street NW confirm all the listed individuals worked together and cannot deny knowledge of the on-going conflict of interest:

- In 2006, all five individuals were issued D.C. government electronic key cards having access to Suite 420 South of 441 4th Street NW. This information can be verified by contacting the **D.C. Protective Service Police**, Office of Property Management, which controls all electronic access for D.C. government buildings:
 - Suja Strickland**, Electronic key card issue date: 03/10/2006 (DC Gov't PeopleSoft ID #00006231, Employment Start Date: March 3, 1980)
 - Richard Strickland**, Electronic key card issue date: 03/10/2006
 - Lillian Copeland**, Electronic key card issue date: 03/10/2006 (DC Gov't PeopleSoft ID #00024840, Employment Start Date: May 31, 2000)
 - Lenia Cash**, Electronic key card issue date: 03/06/2006 (DC Gov't PeopleSoft ID #00000053, Employment Start Date: January 18, 2000)
 - Sunil Samuel**, Electronic key card issue date: 05/23/2006
 - Suja H. Strickland was certainly aware of the on-going conflict of interest, as the D.C. government electronic key card access doors show her repeatedly using her electronic key card to access Suite 420 South of 441 4th Street NW on multiple occasions, including the following instances:

00006231	Strickland	Open	04/24/2006	09:06:21	004.2.00	OJS STE 420	Permanent	OCFO
00006231	Strickland	Open	04/24/2006	19:21:26	004.2.00	OJS STE 420	Permanent	OCFO

- **Criss, Inc.** was mentioned as a contractor charging exorbitant hourly bill rates in a 2005 report by the D.C. Office of the Inspector General regarding the Administrative Services Modernization Program (ASMP): <http://oig.dc.gov/news/PDF/release/oig04-1-12ma.pdf>
- Another possible relative of Richard Strickland appears to have been working for OCFO from 1997 through 2006: **Lisa G. Strickland**, Office of Finance & Treasury, OCFO; Home office - 441 4th Street NW, Washington, DC
- Richard Strickland may have been a full-time District government employee with OPRS before leaving the government to become a vendor to OPRS.

OTHER CONTRACTS OF CONCERN – D.C. Metropolitan Police Department:

Websulting, LLC appears to have found a friend in a COTR at the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department who, is *in no way part* of the D.C. Police IT department, yet oversees *all* IT projects within the Police Department. The COTR, **Anne Grant**, has an extensive history of multi-million dollar, open-ended projects that never deliver a final, usable solution, including Records Management System (Vendor: Intergraph), Records Management System (Vendor: Yellow House Associates), Juvenile Case Management System (Vendor: Yellow House Associates), Single Sign-on Portal (Vendor: Websulting, LLC), and many of others.

The COTR in question has been operating as a rogue individual for at least seven years, with the blessing of the Chief's office, spending money within the IT budget at will and often rewarding vendors of incomplete, shabby work products at the end of a contract with an additional government Purchase Order or grant finding and an additional "*phase*" in the project for completion and improvements. In February of 2010, Websulting failed to complete their project at the close of the contract: Their punishment was the awarding of an additional \$399,468.20 in funding in August of 2010 for a 2nd phase of the project. No public accessible contract award listing can be found on the D.C. government's procurement web site for Websulting's contract with D.C. Police: <http://app.ocp.dc.gov/RUI/information/award/search.asp>