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No corruption at O'Hare; no cheese in Wisconsin

"...all our contracts are competitively bid and go through extensive disclosure processes."

--O'Hare Airport spokeswoman Monique Bond, Jan. 17, 2002, Daily Herald

"...Maybe after 12 years in office, the mayor of Chicago thinks he owns the chair. And why not. Richard M. Daley's decision to let his pals run wild, and put the best interests of citizens a distant second, makes sense."

--Chicago Tribune editorial, "Daley and the Stench at O'Hare," March 20, 2001, criticizing the parade of political insiders who have made millions on city contracts

Bond's assertion came in response to the creation of the Aviation Integrity Project, headed by former Better Government Association Executive Director Terry Brunner. The city's response is: Everything at O'Hare is on the up and up; everything is fully open to the public

We would remind Ms. Bond and the media about Victor Reyes, "the mayor's former political henchman" [the Tribune's words] who ended up on the inside of a \$1-billion terminal construction project—the largest single construction project in Chicago history—just weeks after leaving his job as a senior Daley aid. Or Daley's pal, Oscar D'Angelo who made \$480,00 in lobbying fees (even though he didn't register as a lobbyist) on behalf of an O'Hare newsstand operator. Or that he was a lobbyist for three other companies doing O'Hare business. Or another Daley pal, Jeremiah Joyce, who just happened to pull down \$1.8 million in one year alone for lobbying for McDonalds and Duty Free International, two companies that hold exclusive franchises at O'Hare. Or former mayor chief of staff Gery Chico whose law firm has become a leading lobbyist for airport vendors.

But this is only small potatoes. Now that they're talking about a \$6-billion, \$13-billion, \$20-billion (who really knows?) expansion of O'Hare, how can anyone stand in front of the public with a straight face and insist that every contract, every job, every dollar spent will be on the legit? This is, after all, Chicago.

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