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**LACCD Inspector General Releases Report  
Auctioning of Leased / Owned Copiers at Pierce College**

*Report Recommends Better Communication of Procedures and Increased Controls*

**Los Angeles, October 13, 2011** – The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Inspector General Christine Marez today released a report on the results of an investigation into the auctioning of leased and owned copiers at Pierce College. The report was executed at the request of the Office of General Counsel in May 2011.

According to the report, in January 2009, various assets were identified at Pierce College as surplus and available for disposal at public auction, including two Xerox copiers on lease to the college and one Canon copier owned by the College. The three copiers were subsequently inappropriately auctioned in February 2010 and transferred to the new owner.

The Office of the Inspector General's investigation could not determine if the auctioning of the leased / owned copiers was intentional or accidental, however, the findings suggest that the internal controls over asset tracking may still be weak. Until this incident, the approval process for disposing of surplus assets was informal and / or non-existent. Since the inadvertent disposal of the leased copiers, the OIG has been informed that controls were improved.

"Our investigation found lapses in policies, procedures and controls and as a result, they are now being corrected," said Marez. "This is one of a series of audits, investigations and reports that will be distributed by the Office of the Inspector General over the next several months."

The OIG does not recommend further investigation of this specific incident; however, the OIG recommends that the District direct the Program Manager to distribute its' reported new procedures and increased controls to all Campus Relocation Project Managers, Facilities Directors and VPs of Administration Services.

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The full report can be found at [www.laccd-oig.org](http://www.laccd-oig.org)

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The Los Angeles Community College District, the nation's largest community college district, serves on-quarter million students per year in more than 36 cities in Los Angeles County at its nine colleges. The District covers nearly 900 square miles and has educated and trained the region's diverse workforce since 1969.

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