

Oracle to pay \$46 mln to settle Sun case

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The settlement stems from allegations that Sun paid kickbacks to systems integrator companies in return for recommendations that US government agencies purchase Sun products, the department said in a statement.

"Sun executed agreements with consulting companies that provided for the payment of fees each time the companies influenced a government agency to purchase a Sun product," it said.

"Kickbacks, illegal inducements, misrepresentations during contract negotiations -- these undermine the integrity of the government procurement process and unnecessarily cost [taxpayers](#) money," assistant attorney general Tony West said.

"As this case demonstrates, we will take action against those who abuse the public contracting process," he said.

The Justice Department said its ongoing investigation of government technology vendors has resulted in settlements with six other companies.

[Oracle](#) acquired Sun, a one-time [Silicon Valley](#) star and developer of the popular Java programming language, in a \$7.4 billion deal last year.

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