

# SEC Awards More Than \$10M to Whistleblower

“The Securities and Exchange Commission today announced an award of more than \$10 million to a whistleblower whose information and assistance were of crucial importance to a successful SEC enforcement action,” posted on the *U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission’s Press Release*.

“The SEC has awarded approximately \$520 million to 94 individuals since issuing its first award in 2012. All payments are made out of an investor protection fund established by Congress that is financed entirely through monetary sanctions paid to the SEC by securities law violators. No money has been taken or withheld from harmed investors to pay whistleblower awards. Whistleblowers may be eligible for an award when they voluntarily provide the SEC with original, timely, and credible information that leads to a successful enforcement action. Whistleblower awards can range from 10-30% of the money collected when the monetary sanctions exceed \$1 million.”

***Read the article.***