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KANSAS CITY, KAN. - A Kansas man pleaded guilty today to lying to a federal investigator who was looking into allegations of major program fraud, U.S. Attorney Stephen McAllister said.

Troy L. Bechtel, 51, Overland Park, Kan., pleaded guilty to one count of making a false statement to a federal investigator. In his plea, Bechtel admitted he lied during an investigation into allegations that United Medical Design Builders fraudulently received contracts from the Department of Defense through the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business program. Bechtel was a project manager for the company.

Sentencing is set for March 18, 2021. Bechtel could face a penalty of up to five years in federal prison and a fine up to \$250,000.

McAllister commended the Small Business Administration - Officer of Inspector General, General Services Administration - Office of Inspector General, Defense Criminal Investigative Service, the Army CID Major Procurement Fraud Unit and Assistant U.S. Attorney Tris Hunt for their work on the case.

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