

Good morning Senator Coleman and members of the Committee. My name is Dr. Scott Comes. I am the Director for C4 and Information Programs in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Program Analysis and Evaluation.

The Office of Program Analysis & Evaluation (PA&E) conducts independent analysis for and provides independent advice to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense. In this role, one of PA&E's principal responsibilities is to ensure that the costs, effectiveness, and capabilities of DoD programs are presented accurately and completely. My office has primary responsibility in PA&E for conducting such analyses in support of information technology programs, such as the Defense Travel System.

In July 2002, PA&E was asked by the USD (Comptroller) to conduct a cost effectiveness review of the Defense Travel System. We conducted that analysis and documented our results in a report entitled "DTS Cost Effectiveness Review" in December 2002. I am here today to answer your questions regarding that report.