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December 7, 2012

Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert  
Chief of Naval Operations  
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Office of the Chief of Naval Operations  
2000 Navy Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20350-2000

Dear Admiral Greenert:

As you are aware, the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) provides contract management and oversight services to numerous Department of Defense agencies. I am concerned that SPAWAR may not be carrying out its management obligations in a manner consistent with federal procurement standards and the best interests of the taxpayer.

In April 2012, the Air Force Audit Agency (AFAA) released a report regarding the Smart/Jones building contracts managed by SPAWAR Systems Center Atlantic (SSC Lant). AFAA found that SSC Lant failed to effectively plan for and manage the projects, resulting in significant cost overruns and schedule delays. AFAA also found that contracting personnel did not appropriately award task orders and did not provide adequate competition. In addition, AFAA found that SPAWAR contracting officials used improper business and contracting practices.<sup>1</sup>

I have learned of problems with two separate contracts that SPAWAR managed for the Department of Defense Medical Review Board (DODMERB). According to information received by the Subcommittee, SPAWAR's management of a contract for Service Academy medical exams was so inadequate that the General Services Administration had to assume responsibility. A second contract for software development for a DODMERB database is now behind schedule and more than \$7 million over budget because SPAWAR underestimated the project's cost. SPAWAR reportedly also has failed to provide DODMERB with information and documents necessary to understand these problems.

To assist the Subcommittee in its oversight, I request that you provide the Subcommittee with complete and unredacted copies of the SSC Lant Inspector General's report on the Smart/Jones building project and all reports, audits and investigations relating to SPAWAR's

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<sup>1</sup> Air Force Audit Agency, *Smart/Jones Buildings Joint Review*, Report No. F2012-0003-FC1000 (Apr. 25, 2012).

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contract management for the last two years. I request that you provide this information as soon as possible, but in no case later than **December 20, 2012**. I also request that you provide a briefing for Subcommittee staff on these issues on or before **January 11, 2013**.

The jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight is set forth in Senate Rule XXV clause 1(k); Senate Resolution 445 section 101 (108<sup>th</sup> Congress); and Senate Resolution 73 (111<sup>th</sup> Congress). An attachment to this letter provides additional information about how to respond to the Subcommittee's request.

I appreciate your assistance. Please contact Sarah Garcia with Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-1014 with any questions. Please send any official correspondence relating to this request to [Kelsey\\_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Kelsey_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



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Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight

cc: Rob Portman  
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