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Mr. Gene Dodaro  
Acting Comptroller General of the United States  
United States Government Accountability Office  
441 G Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20548

Dear Mr. Dodaro:

I am writing to request that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) provide information relating to GAO's recent review of contracting at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

In October 2009, GAO released a report entitled, "Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: Deficiencies in Contract Management Internal Control Are Pervasive" (GAO-10-60). GAO reported that deficiencies in CMS contract management internal control increase the risk of improper payments or waste. GAO also found that the control deficiencies stemmed from a weak overall control environment at CMS.

To assist the Subcommittee in its oversight of CMS contracting, I request that you provide copies of selected audit documentation supporting this report, including the list of contracts and contractor names that were reviewed as part of the statistical random sample of 2008 contract actions that provided the basis for your findings. I also request that you provide additional context, such as narratives or case studies, which might assist the Subcommittee in understanding the importance of GAO's findings and the extent to which CMS relies on contractors.

Please contact Margaret Daum with the Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-8316 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Senator Claire McCaskill  
Chairman

Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight

cc: Robert Bennett  
Ranking Member