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Dear Mr. Doke:

We are writing to invite you to testify before the Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight at a hearing entitled, "Interagency Contracts (Part I): Overview and Recommendations for Reform." The hearing will be held on Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 2:30 P.M. in Room SD-342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to examine the rapid proliferation of interagency contracting vehicles in recent years. The hearing will review the reasons behind this increase and explore whether agencies are creating and using these vehicles responsibly. The hearing will also assess the need for increased transparency, oversight, and other potential reforms.

Your testimony should address your expertise in federal procurement law, including interagency contracting. In particular, you should discuss your view of the potential benefits and shortcomings of interagency contracting for the federal government, taxpayers, and small and large businesses. In addition, you should discuss your prior experience serving as a Member of the Acquisition Advisory Panel and the Acquisition Advisory Panel's 2007 review of service contracts across the federal government as well as your supplemental views, published in the Acquisition Advisory Panel's final report. You should also address the impact interagency contracting vehicles may have on competition and the subject of price premiums.

The Subcommittee requests that you summarize your testimony in 5 minutes, although a longer written statement may be submitted for the official record. This will allow adequate time for you to engage in questions and answers with members of the Subcommittee. **Subcommittee rules require that your testimony be submitted by no later than 2:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 23, 2010.** Please send an electronic copy of your written statement and a brief one page biography to Subcommittee Clerk, Kelsey Stroud, at Kelsey_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov.

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We look forward to your participation. Please contact Alan Kahn with Senator McCaskill's Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-3230 or Molly Wilkinson with Senator Bennett's Subcommittee staff at (202) 228-3141 with any questions.

Sincerely,



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