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February 8, 2011

The Honorable Martha N. Johnson
Administrator
U.S. General Services Administration
1800 F Street NW
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Madam Administrator:

We are writing to invite you to testify before the Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight at a hearing entitled, "Examination of Public Relations Contracts at the General Services Administration's Heartland Region." The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. in Room SD-342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The Subcommittee also invites Robert A. Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, and Mary A. Ruwwe, Regional Commissioner (Heartland Region), Public Buildings Service, to provide testimony. Additional witnesses may be required, including Jason O. Klumb, Regional Administrator (Heartland Region).

The purpose of the hearing is to examine contracts to provide public relations services for the General Services Administration (GSA) and other federal agencies. In particular, the hearing will review findings from the Office of Inspector General's forthcoming report regarding contracts valued at \$235,000 that were awarded to Jane Mobley Associates, Inc. to assist GSA with media and government agency investigations related to environmental concerns at the Bannister Federal Complex in Kansas City.

The witnesses' testimony should address GSA's award, management, and oversight of these contracts. The witnesses' testimony should also discuss GSA's response to the government agency investigations completed by the GSA Inspector General, including actions related to GSA internal controls, policies, or personnel.

To assist the Subcommittee in preparing for this hearing, we request that you provide copies of all materials related to GSA's response to the GSA Inspector General's investigation of the Bannister Federal Complex and the Jane Mobley contracts. We request that you contact Subcommittee staff to discuss the parameters of this request and to determine a timeline for production.

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The jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight is set forth in Senate Rule XXV clause 1(k); Senate Resolution 445 section 101 (108th Congress); and Senate Resolution 73 (111th Congress).

The Subcommittee requests that witnesses summarize their testimony in 5 minutes, although a longer written statement may be submitted for the official record. This will allow adequate time for witnesses to engage in questions and answers with members of the Subcommittee. **Subcommittee rules require that your testimony be submitted by 10:00 A.M. on Friday, February 25, 2011.** Please send electronic copies of the witnesses' written statements and a brief one page biography for each witness to Subcommittee Clerk, Kelsey Stroud, at kelsey_stroud@hsgac.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill
Chairman
Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight

Scott Brown
Ranking Member
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Attachment