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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6250

June 13, 2011

Mr. Larry Walker
President
The Louis Berger Group Inc.
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Dear Mr. Walker:

We are writing to invite you to testify before the Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight at a hearing entitled, "Afghanistan Reconstruction Contracts: Lessons Learned and Ongoing Problems." The hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. in Room SD-342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. This hearing is the fifth in a planned series of hearings covering actual and potential waste, fraud, and abuse in Afghanistan contracts.

The purpose of the hearing is to assess the management and oversight of reconstruction contracts in Afghanistan. In particular, the hearing will focus on the extent to which the Defense Department and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) have applied lessons learned since the beginning of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. The hearing will also review the continuing problems with Afghanistan contracts, including lack of planning, lack of transparency, and inadequate oversight. The hearing will also provide an opportunity to review the latest findings of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) regarding the management and oversight of construction contracts.

Your testimony should address the Louis Berger Group's reconstruction and development contracts with USAID in Afghanistan, including the contracts to build the Gardez-Khost Highway. In particular, you should be prepared to address recent concerns raised about the highway project, including cost overruns, insufficient security, corruption, payments to warlords, and difficulties with military and civilian planning. We also invite you to address USAID management and oversight of this and other contracts.

To assist the Subcommittee in preparing for the hearing, we request that you provide the following information and documents relating to the Louis Berger Group's contract with USAID for construction of the Gardez-Khost Highway:

- (1) The name, address, scope of work, and cost for all first tier subcontractors under the contract;
- (2) The name, address, scope of work, and cost for all other known subcontractors under the contract;
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(3) All evaluations, notices to show cause, and audits of the prime contract.

We request that you provide this information as soon as possible, but in no case later than **June 21, 2011**. If you determine that you will be unable to make a complete production by this date, please contact Subcommittee staff to discuss possible modifications to this schedule.

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). An attachment to this letter provides additional information about how to respond to the Subcommittee's request.

We request 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 10:00 A.M. on Friday, June 24, 2011.** Please send official correspondence relating to this request, including an electronic copy of your written statement and a brief one page biography, to Subcommittee Clerk, Kelsey Stroud, at Kelsey.Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov.

We look forward to your participation. Please contact Alan Kahn with Senator McCaskill's Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-3230 or Brian Callanan with Senator Portman's Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-4148 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill
Chairman
Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight



Rob Portman
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