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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6250

September 16, 2011

The Honorable Leon Panetta
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to request a briefing regarding the contract for an enterprise email service (EES) system at the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA). The EES system has the capability to provide comprehensive email services throughout the Defense Department and transitioning to this system, if executed properly, has the potential to save the Department millions of dollars.

I recently learned of serious concerns relating to the lack of competition and transparency in the planning and award of the contract for the EES system. To assist the Subcommittee in understanding how DISA plans to transition to the EES system, I request a briefing for Subcommittee staff on the timeline of the project, how key decisions were made, and how the current approach was chosen. I request that you provide this briefing as soon as possible, but in no case later than **Friday, September 30, 2011**.

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).

Please have your staff contact Margaret Daum with the Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-8316 with any questions and to schedule the requested briefing. Please send any official correspondence related to this request to Kelsey Stroud at Kelsey_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill
Chairman
Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight

cc: Rob Portman
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight