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The Honorable Hilda Solis
Secretary
United States Department of Labor
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Dear Madam Secretary:

As part of the Subcommittee's ongoing oversight of federal contracting, I am writing to request information regarding veterans' employment under federal contracts.

Under federal law, companies with government contracts or subcontracts are required to take "affirmative action" to employ and promote veterans. As part of this responsibility, contractors must submit reports (known as VETS-100 or VETS-100A) to the Department of Labor detailing the number of employees and the number of new hires that are veterans. They are also required to list certain job openings with employment service delivery systems and create and maintain affirmative action plans for specified veterans. In addition, certain employment service delivery systems must give veterans priority referral to job listings received by government contractors. The Secretary of Labor is required to submit an annual report to Congress regarding contractors' compliance with these requirements and their impact on the employment of veterans.¹

To assist the Subcommittee in its oversight, I request that you provide the following information for the last 10 years:

- (1) The annual reports detailing contractor compliance and veterans' outcomes and a confirmation that these reports have been delivered to the Committees of jurisdiction;
- (2) Profiles of contractors submitting VETS-100 or VETS-100A reports, including their size, procurement activity, and location; and
- (3) Evaluations of compliance by employment service delivery systems in providing priority referral.

I request that you provide this information as soon as possible, but in no case later than Friday, December 2, 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.

¹ 38 U.S.C. 4212.

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

Please have your staff contact Margaret Daum at (202) 224-4462 with any questions. Please send any official correspondence relating to this request to Kelsey_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill
Chairman
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cc: Rob Portman
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Enclosure