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June 14, 2013

Craig Albert
President
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Dear Mr. Albert:

We are writing to invite you or your designee to testify before the Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight at a hearing entitled, "Contract Management by the Department of Energy." The hearing will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. in Room SD-342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to review contract management by the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management. The hearing will examine the Department's oversight of environmental remediation at active cleanup sites, including its ability to manage and control the projects' costs, schedules, and safety. The hearing will also assess the Department's reliance on cost-based contracts and use of award fees.

Your testimony should address Bechtel's environmental remediation contracts. Your testimony should specifically address the design and construction of the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP) at the Hanford site and address the Department's process to evaluate contractor performance. You should be prepared to discuss how the design-build contract model used at the WTP has affected the cost and schedule of the project. You should also be prepared to discuss the incorporation of safety recommendations in the performance of the contract.

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 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 25, 2013.** Please send official correspondence relating to this invitation, including an electronic copy of your written statement and a brief one page biography, to Subcommittee Clerk, Lauren Corcoran, at Lauren_Corcoran@hsgac.senate.gov.

The jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight is set forth in Senate Rule XXV clause 1(k); Senate Resolution 445 section 101 (108th Congress); and Senate Resolution 64 (113th Congress).

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We look forward to your participation. Please contact Sarah Garcia with Senator McCaskill's Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-6814 or Teague Lyons with Senator Johnson's Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-9453 with any questions.

Sincerely,



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