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Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Surash:

We are writing to invite you 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 the Department's acquisition policies, including requirements relating to cost estimates and baseline changes. Your testimony should also address how the Department's recent acquisition policy changes, including the transition from maintenance and operations contracts to cost-based contracts and the designation of projects as capital asset projects, have affected the Department's ability to manage and oversee its contracts. You should also be prepared to discuss how the Department measures performance and how contractors are evaluated for award and incentive fees. Finally, you should be prepared to discuss the Department's use of design-build contracts and the incorporation of safety controls on remediation projects.

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 2:30 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.

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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).

We look forward to your participation. Please contact Sarah Garcia with Senator McCaskill's Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-5602 or Teague Lyons with Senator Johnson's Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-9453 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill
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