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October 28, 2013

The Honorable John McHugh
Secretary of the U.S. Army
U.S. Department of Defense
101 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310-0101

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing regarding the Army's management and oversight of contractor access to Army installations.

On September 16, 2013, the Defense Department's Inspector General released a report regarding the Navy Commercial Access Control System (NCACS), which provided routine access to Navy installations to contractor employees. The Navy administered NCACS through a contractor, Eid Passport, who was responsible for performing background checks and issuing credentials using its proprietary Rapidgate system. The Inspector General found that NCACS failed to prevent contractors from receiving access to military installations before full background checks were completed. This resulted in 52 convicted felons having routine, unauthorized installation access, placing military personnel, dependents, civilians, and installations at an unacceptable security risk. The Inspector General recommended that the Navy immediately discontinue its use of Eid Passport's Rapidgate system.

I understand that the Army also relies on Eid Passport's Rapidgate system to provide contractor access to Army facilities. Given the Inspector General's findings regarding the adequacy of the Rapidgate system, I request that you conduct a review of the Army's reliance on Rapidgate, including whether the Army's use of the Rapidgate system effectively mitigates the risks associated with granting contractors access to Army facilities. I request that the Army inform me of the results of this review on or before **November 18, 2013**.

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 64 (113th Congress).

Please contact Cathy Yu with Senator McCaskill's Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-5602 with any questions. Please send any correspondence relating to this request to Kelsey.Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov.

The Honorable John McHugh
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Sincerely,

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Claire McCaskill
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cc: Ron Johnson
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Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr.
Commandant of the Coast Guard
United States Coast Guard
2100 2nd St. NW, Stop 7000
Washington, DC 20593-7000

Dear Admiral Papp:

I am writing regarding the Coast Guard's management and oversight of contractor access to Coast Guard facilities.

On September 16, 2013, the Defense Department's Inspector General released a report regarding the Navy Commercial Access Control System (NCACS), which provided routine access to Navy installations to contractor employees. The Navy administered NCACS through a contractor, Eid Passport, who was responsible for performing background checks and issuing credentials using its proprietary Rapidgate system. The Inspector General found that NCACS failed to prevent contractors from receiving access to military installations before full background checks were completed. This resulted in 52 convicted felons having routine, unauthorized installation access, placing military personnel, dependents, civilians, and installations at an unacceptable security risk. The Inspector General recommended that the Navy immediately discontinue its use of Eid Passport's Rapidgate system.

I understand that the Coast Guard also relies on Eid Passport's Rapidgate system to provide contractor access to Coast Guard facilities. Given the Inspector General's findings regarding the adequacy of the Rapidgate system, I request that you conduct a review of the Coast Guard's reliance on Rapidgate, including whether the Coast Guard's use of the Rapidgate system effectively mitigates the risks associated with granting contractors access to Coast Guard facilities. I request that the Coast Guard inform me of the results of this review on or before **November 18, 2013**.

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October 28, 2013

Major General Charles Frank Bolden, Jr.
Administrator
NASA Headquarters
300 E Street SW
Washington DC 20024-3210

Dear General Bolden:

I am writing regarding NASA's management and oversight of contractor access to NASA facilities.

On September 16, 2013, the Defense Department's Inspector General released a report regarding the Navy Commercial Access Control System (NCACS), which provided routine access to Navy installations to contractor employees. The Navy administered NCACS through a contractor, Eid Passport, who was responsible for performing background checks and issuing credentials using its proprietary Rapidgate system. The Inspector General found that NCACS failed to prevent contractors from receiving access to military installations before full background checks were completed. This resulted in 52 convicted felons having routine, unauthorized installation access, placing military personnel, dependents, civilians, and installations at an unacceptable security risk. The Inspector General recommended that the Navy immediately discontinue its use of Eid Passport's Rapidgate system.

I understand that NASA also relies on Eid Passport's Rapidgate system to provide contractor access to NASA facilities. Given the Inspector General's findings regarding the adequacy of the Rapidgate system, I request that you conduct a review of NASA's reliance on Rapidgate, including whether NASA's use of the Rapidgate system effectively mitigates the risks associated with granting contractors access to NASA facilities. I request that NASA inform me of the results of this review on or before **November 18, 2013**.

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