

## TESTIMONY



**STATEMENT OF ANGELA STYLES,  
NOMINATED TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE  
OFFICE OF FEDERAL PROCUREMENT POLICY  
BEFORE THE  
UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

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Good morning Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee. It is an honor to be here. I owe a special thanks to Congressman Joe Barton for his thoughtful introduction and a debt of gratitude for his continued support throughout my professional life. In 1987, Joe gave me my first job in Washington and taught me some of the most important lessons in my career. In spite of being a second term member of the House minority, Joe never lost sight of his goals and his commitment to public service. Most importantly, he taught me the power of perseverance and hard work. I am honored and grateful for his presence and support today.

Second, but I must confess, most importantly, I want to thank my husband, Scott, for his steadfast support throughout my career. Today is a particularly special occasion, because it is also our wedding anniversary. I cannot imagine a better husband and father, or one person that could possibly have been more tolerant and understanding of my legal career and now my commitment to public service.

Mr. Chairman, I also want to express my gratitude to the Committee for the expeditious consideration of my nomination. I keep opining, and probably accurately, that I am the only nominee that is 9 months pregnant. Your staff has shown me an extraordinary courtesy by moving through the process quickly. I appreciate their time and preparation, as well as the opportunity to further develop the working and personal relationships that I have had with several members of your staff over the past few years.

I am deeply honored and privileged by the President's nomination to be the Administrator of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy. Few people are afforded the tremendous opportunity to serve in an appointed capacity, and even fewer

in policy positions with cognizance over issues about which they are profoundly dedicated. I am looking forward with great anticipation to providing leadership and fostering an atmosphere of professionalism and excellence in acquisition policy.

Over the past decade, the federal acquisition system has undergone significant and continual reform. This reform movement achieved many laudable goals. Most important of which, government customers now receive the goods they need in a fraction of the time it took a decade ago. However, as with any reform movement, confusion has often dominated the process. I have been and continue to be concerned that the "efficient procurement model" coupled with significant implementation confusion has compromised concepts fundamental to our system of government and our system of procurement.

We must never forget that we are procuring \$200 billion a year in goods and services for the Federal government with taxpayer dollars. Because we are spending the public's money, there are some goals that cannot be compromised in the name of efficiency. Since the beginning of this reform movement, over a decade ago, I have not seen a single serious examination of the effects of reform on competition, fairness, integrity, or transparency. As a result, I think we are seeing some serious competitive problems surface with the proliferation of government-wide contracting vehicles and acquisition of services. The real challenge for OFPP and this Administration will be to balance the obvious benefits of increased efficiencies with the maintenance of fundamental concepts of competition, due process, integrity and transparency. Indeed, OMB has already started working towards these goals with management initiatives relating to competitive sourcing and performance-based service contracts.

The next four years will be important years for our procurement system. I look forward to the prospect of working with you and other Members of Congress on these difficult acquisition issues.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee for the opportunity to appear before you and for the time you have given me. I am happy to answer any questions you might have.

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