

Kathleen Greene <kangre@yahoo.com>  
12/19/2002 01:41:52 AM

Record Type:Record

To: David C. Childs A-76comments/OMB/EOP@EOP  
cc:  
Subject: No revision without more input

I am a federal employee of fourteen years. I read about President's Bush's plan to "outsource" about one-half of the Federal workforce. I do not believe that the Federal employees or the people that they serve have had an opportunity to voice their opinions about this plan.

I do not believe the contracting out to the lowest bidder is putting the public's interest at heart. Federal workers serve the public and are loyal workers. What is going to happen to our country when everyone has jobs that have no security, when workers do not make enough to afford decent housing. The middle class is shrinking and I find it hard to believe that contractors with many insecure, low paid workers are going to offer the same quality of service to the public that career Federal employees can. The Federal jobs that I have had required training and had lengthy learning curves. What kind of workforce will we have if a contractor gets the contract one year and a few years later, someone else gets it? Who is going to invest in the kind of training needed to have quality workers when they know they may lose the contract in a few years.

What protection will the public have against contractor who give the biggest campaign contributions getting the government contracts? What about the fact that contractors are contractors because they make a profit from their enterprise? Does it really make sense that they will be cheaper?  
If they are cheaper and have their profits, what will their workers be paid?