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To whom it may concern,

I wanted to take a moment to voice my opinion on OMB circular A-76. As a small business owner in the St. Louis metropolitan region, the proposed revision brings to light some interesting possibilities.

My company, Surdex Corporation, provides geospatial services to a number of counties, municipalities, and most recently, several federal agencies under the Department of Defense. For the Country's security, GIS is a vital tool in providing the groundwork for defense. We understand the importance of this, and want to be an active part in making sure the future of our country is not at risk. Thanks to the proposed revision, we will hopefully be able to play a more significant role in this challenging task.

Since 1954, Surdex has been at the forefront of providing such services to clients throughout the nation. We are widely recognized in the industry as being one of the leading companies in photogrammetry and geospatial services. Because of this, I feel we can provide the quality of work that is needed for our country's future. There are too many instances in the past when the government had been unable to provide this same quality because of budgetary restraints, lack of manpower or a simple lack of skills and know-how.

Surdex thrives in a competitive environment, and because of this, we are constantly forced to push ourselves to stay ahead of the competition. It is this order of competition that creates a technologically advanced field, be it in pharmaceuticals, business, or in our case, GIS services. Without this competitive environment, it is all too easy for technology to fall behind.

To coincide with this added competition, I would like to stress the importance of guaranteeing that all architectural, engineering, surveying and mapping services be in compliance with the Brooks Act's qualifications-based selection (QBS) process, as required in 40 United State Code, section 541-544 and part 36 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). Because this act requires federal agencies to contract with the firm providing the highest quality, it will ensure superlative work. This is the perfect win-win situation for both parties involved.

I value the future of this country and relish the opportunity to make sure it's more secure. OMB circular A-76 provides the perfect chance for the United States to take a great leap forward in making sure we are prepared for whatever may come. I am in full support of this revision and sincerely hope it becomes a reality.

Thank you for your time,

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