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Mr. Childs:

I have just one problem with your draft, but it is a large one. "Public-private" occurs throughout the text, as in "public-private competitions." It appears that if work is not strictly Governmental in nature, then it kind of doesn't matter who does it, as long as it gets done, at a good price, etc.

I submit to you that consistent logic dictates that activities that are not Governmental in nature... SHOULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT BY THE GOVERNMENT AT ALL, NOT EVEN IF THE GOVERNMENT CAN DO IT FOR LESS.

In other words, the "competition" should be among contractors, ONLY, and the Government should not be involved. Why should Government employees do commercial work? When they DO do commercial work, then it seems to me the meaning of genuine Government work is diluted.

The above is just eight sentences in length, but I believe that if it were to be incorporated into the new policy, then it would go a long way toward cleaning up the current outsourcing mess. (At the same time, the number of Government employees would drop sharply.)

Thank you.

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