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Subject: Contracting out

As a Federal Employee about to retire, my vested interest in this subject is from the view of a tax payer trying to get his money's worth. I have worked with many contractors in the FAA over my 35 year career. Very few produced the quality of work necessary to accomplish the job. Most actually cost us more for lesser service. They are non-responsive and change orders and cost increases in out years are outrageous. It only makes sense. To get a quality job you have to pay a quality salary and benefits package. Then there is overhead at the contractor's company, dividends to stock holders, and those contributions to pesky congressmen who got you the contract in the first place. It has to cost more than it would for a dedicated federal employee. The only difference is that contractors contribute to the re-election of elected officials and federal employees can't.

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