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Subject: Statement of Support

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the president of a small business in Colorado. I support the A-76 revision as it will open up jobs to all Americans, including small businesses like i-cubed. Businesses like ours and other workers will have new opportunities to seek work previously unavailable to the private sector and it will help eliminate unfair government competition.

My company is particularly concerned with value-added product generation and distribution efforts by the USGS.

I particularly support the provisions that eliminate Unfair Competition under Agency-to-Agency arrangements. I strongly support the provisions in the Circular that eliminate the current practice that permits agencies to do work for other Federal agencies, and for state and local government.

Our expertise, geospatial activities such as surveying, mapping, charting, geodesy, image acquisition, and geospatial information acquisition and production are all commercial activities. I strongly support direct conversation of these activities to the private sector.

As well, I would like to see a clarification in the Circular that any public-private standard competitions under A-76 for architecture, 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).

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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