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OMB Director Daniels To Testify Before Congress Tomorrow
Acting to Save Taxpayers \$50 Million-\$70 Million Annually
11 a.m. 301 Russell Senate Office Building

Washington, D.C. – Office of Management and Budget Director Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. will testify tomorrow before the Joint Committee on Printing to discuss OMB's directive to open \$500 million worth of federal printing and copying contracts currently controlled by the Government Printing Office (GPO) to competition.

The hearing will take place at 301 Russell Senate Office Building on Wednesday July 10 at 11 a.m. For more information, please contact OMB Communications at (202) 395-7254.

BACKGROUND:

- In 2001, GPO performed 16 percent of its work in-house contracting the remaining 84 percent to private enterprises at a premium. Each time GPO contracts a job to a private vendor, it charges the department or agency for the cost of the private printing, plus a 7% premium that doubles to 14% if lead time is ten or fewer days. Opening federal printing to competition could save at least \$50 to \$70 million annually.
- On May 3, 2002, Director Daniels issued a memo explaining Executive policy on the use of the Government Printing Office (GPO) for the printing needs of federal departments and agencies.
- The OMB Directive would eliminate GPO's role as a broker and would allow private firms to bid for printing contracts directly from the federal government. The directive, which does not apply to printing sensitive to national security, asks that federal agencies and departments comply by September 1, 2002.

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