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## Business, Industry, and Consumers

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GAO-03-242R, November 1, 2002 (3 pages).

September 11: Small Business Assistance Provided in Lower Manhattan in Response to the Terrorist Attacks

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Small Business Administration: The Commercial Marketing Representative Role Needs to Be Strategically Planned and Assessed

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Applied Management Solutions, Inc.

B-291191, November 15, 2002 (4 pages).

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Plains Regional Office, Incentive Awards Ceremony

B-288536, November 19, 2002 (3 pages).

Cantu Services, Inc.

B-289666.2, B-289666.3, November 1, 2002 (4 pages).

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B-288581, November 19, 2001 (4 pages).

Current Rate in Continuing Resolution, Public Law 107-229, as Extended by Public Law 107-235, for Fiscal Year 2003 Highway Spending

B-300167, November 15, 2002 (7 pages).

#### Gifts of Goods and Services to the Government

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#### Global Communications Solutions, Inc.

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B-289380, July 31, 2002 (3 pages).

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#### Ownership and Control of U.S. Virgin Islands Monument Lands

B-287626, November 15, 2002 (34 pages).

#### **Priority One Services, Inc.--Costs**

B-288836.5, November 8, 2002 (3 pages).

#### Semont Travel, Inc.

B-291179, November 20, 2002 (5 pages).

#### **Tel-Instrument Electronics Corporation**

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#### The Effect of Section 117 of P.L. 107-229, 116 Stat. 1465

B-300192, November 13, 2002 (6 pages).

## Transfer of funds originally allocated for the United Nations Population Fund

B-290659, September 20, 2002 (3 pages).

#### Yoosung T&S, Ltd.

B-291407, November 15, 2002 (3 pages).

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## Workplace Safety and Health: OSHA Can Strengthen Enforcement through Improved Program Management

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**Environmental Protection: Issues Raised by the Reorganization of EPA's Ombudsman Function** 

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Department of Agriculture, Commodity Credit Corporation: Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program

GAO-03-295R, November 19, 2002 (4 pages).

Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: Medicare Program; Changes to Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and Calendar Year 2003 Payment Rates; and Changes to Payment Suspension for Unfiled Cost Reports

GAO-03-289R, November 12, 2002 (4 pages).

Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: Medicare Program; Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts for 2003

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Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: Medicare Program; Monthly Actuarial Rates and Monthly Supplementary Medical Insurance Premium Rate Beginning January 1, 2003

GAO-03-283R, November 4, 2002 (4 pages).

Environmental Protection Agency: Control of Emissions From Nonroad Large Spark-Ignition Engines, and Recreational Engines (Marine and Land-Based)

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DOD User Fees: Implementation Status of Section 1085 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001

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Mine Safety and Health Administration: Implementation of the Inflation Adjustment Act

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Nursing Homes: Public Reporting of Quality Indicators Has Merit, but National Implementation Is Premature

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**Building Security: Security Responsibilities for Federally Owned** and Leased Facilities

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Homeland Security: INS Cannot Locate Many Aliens Because It Lacks Reliable Address Information

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## **HUD Management: Impact Measurement Needed for Technical Assistance**

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#### Assessing the Reliability of Computer-Processed Data

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Information Technology: Justice Plans to Improve Oversight of Agency Projects

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NATO Enlargement: Report Is Responsive to Senate Requirements, but Additional Information Could Be Useful

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Electronic Warfare: Comprehensive Strategy Still Needed for Suppressing Enemy Air Defenses

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Military Personnel: Management and Oversight of Selective Reenlistment Bonus Program Needs Improvement

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**Quadrennial Defense Review: Future Reviews Can Benefit from Better Analysis and Changes in Timing and Scope** 

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Coast Guard: Strategy Needed for Setting and Monitoring Levels of Effort for All Missions

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United States Coast Guard: Implementation of the Inflation Adjustment Act

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VA Health Care: Expanded Eligibility Has Increased Outpatient Pharmacy Use and Expenditures

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