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I strongly support the A-76 revision as it will open up jobs to all Americans,
including small businesses. Entrepreneurs and workers will have new
opportunities to seek work previously unavailable to the private sector and
it will help eliminate unfair government competition.

I particularly support the presumption that all activities are "presumed
to be commercial" as this reinforces and supports the longstanding policy
of both Democrat and Republican Administrations to rely on the private
sector for goods and services.

The revisions state that a "standard competition shall not exceed 12
months." I strongly support this move to make the time frames for
conducting public-private competitions more reasonable, and in line with
standard procurements.

The report of the Commercial Activities Panel noted that the government
already has an established mechanism to ensure high value service -- that
is the procurement process of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR.), a
system all private sector contractors compete under daily. The panel
specifically recommended conducting public-private competitions using the
FAR. Acting upon that recommendation, the November 2002 Circular A-76
revisions would establish a FAR based process, based on best value, for
certain procurements.

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

The ability for all parties to compete on a fair and level playing field is
the ultimate measure of a successful A-76 process. I believe the
revisions to Circular A-76 will do just that.

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