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The current estimate by GAO that privatization will save taxpayers 30% is ridiculous. DOD has used private sector contracts for yrs. What has been their experience? Multiple cost overruns and charge backs to the gov't. There has been an enormous amount of fraud and waste by the private sector. Examples are the \$400 hammers and \$600 commode seats that DOD has paid for. And the list is endless. And these were all contracts secured by the bidding process and awarded to the lowest bidder. The taxpayer dollars were wasted. And look how the private sector treats medicare and the amt of fraud prevalent in that arena. Again the private sector abusing taxpayer dollars. So why does anyone think the private sector will treat these jobs any differently???? Within the current rules used by VA, commercial jobs will have to be reviewed every 5 yrs. This is the death bell for these civil service jobs. Who will come to work for a position knowing that every five yrs you may lose your job thru the bidding process. Studying jobs every five yrs with the possibility of changing back and forth is foolish. Designate the jobs as commercial and be done with it. As managers, we will never be able to attract a decent workforce under these guidelines. In my opinion, this will eventually cause tremendous chaos.

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