

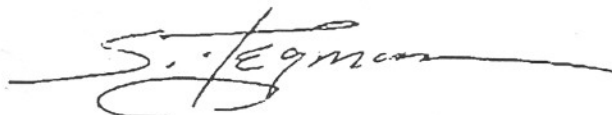
FEDERAL REGISTER COMMENT – December 18, 2002

Purposed Changes in the A-76 Process

I am NOT supportive of the proposed changes to the A-76 process currently listed in the Federal Register. The existing A-76 process provides necessary checks to ensure our tax dollars are spent wisely. Having worked in both the public and federal sector, I am not convinced privatization of federal jobs is in the best interest of taxpayers. In many, many situations, there is too much room for graft when contractors are handed federal work.

Furthermore, with the current downturn in the economy, spending millions and millions of dollars to study which federal jobs should be contracted out makes no sense whatsoever. Not only do these studies disrupt our federal workforce, but they do not come with additional funding. This forces federal agencies to reprogram their limited funding towards the A-76 studies. This means we will not be getting the services from the agencies we deserve.

The total impacts of outsourcing on a particular agency should be analyzed and displayed to the public in order for our citizens to decide whether they wish the federal sector or private sector to do the government's work. Public service does not come with a price tag. The public needs to have the opportunity to comment on how they want their services delivered.



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