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Dear Mr. Biggs:

I am writing to invite American Enterprise Institute (AEI) to submit written testimony to the Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight for a hearing entitled, "Contractors: How Much Are They Costing the Government?" The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 10:30 A.M. in Room SD-342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to examine whether government agencies use cost information to determine if work should be performed by federal employees or contractors. The hearing will also assess what the government is doing to improve the data available on contractors and develop best practices to determine when using contractors will constitute the most effective use of taxpayer dollars. In addition, the hearing will examine how government agencies can control the costs of contracting while still maintaining effective contract management and oversight.

I invite you to submit testimony that addresses the costs of federal employees versus the costs of equivalent private sector employees. Your testimony should also address any challenges that you have encountered with available federal data in this area. I also welcome any recommendations regarding how the government should assess and control the costs of government contractors.

Please submit an electronic copy of your written statement to Subcommittee Clerk, Kelsey Stroud, at Kelsey.Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov by **10:30 A.M. on Friday, March 9, 2012**. Please contact Margaret Daum at (202) 224-4462 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill
Chairman
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cc: Rob Portman
Ranking Member
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