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December 10, 2009

The Honorable John McHugh
Secretary of the Army
United States Department of the Army
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Dear Secretary McHugh:

We are writing to invite you or your designee to testify before the Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight at a hearing entitled, "Afghanistan Reconstruction and Development Contracts: An Overview." The hearing will be held on Thursday, December 17, 2009 at 2:00 P.M. in Room SD-342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. This will be the second in a series of hearings held by the Subcommittee on oversight of the government's contracts in Afghanistan.

The purpose of the hearing is to examine whether sufficient steps are being taken to ensure adequate management and oversight of troop support, reconstruction, and development contracts in Afghanistan, which are expected to increase in number and value in conjunction with the increase in uniformed personnel in Afghanistan that was announced by President Obama on December 1, 2009. The hearing will also review whether the lessons learned from Iraq are being applied in Afghanistan. In addition, the hearing will discuss findings from federal auditors and explore potential abuses in the award, management, and oversight of Afghanistan contracts.

Your testimony should address the Army's planning, management, and oversight for troop support, reconstruction, and development contracts in Afghanistan. You should be prepared to address the implementation and execution of LOGCAP IV in Afghanistan. You should also be prepared to address the role of the Joint Contracting Command-Iraq / Afghanistan (JCC-I/A) with respect to its Afghanistan contracts.

The Subcommittee requests that you summarize your testimony in 5 minutes, although a longer written statement may be submitted for the official record. This will allow adequate time for you to engage in questions and answers with members of the Subcommittee. **Subcommittee rules require that your testimony be submitted by no later than 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 15, 2009.** Please send an electronic copy of your written statement and a brief one page biography to Subcommittee Clerk, Kelsey Stroud, at Kelsey.Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov.

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We look forward to your participation in this hearing. Please contact Alan Kahn with Senator McCaskill's Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-3230 or Molly Wilkinson with Senator Bennett's Subcommittee staff at (202) 228-3141 with any questions.

Sincerely,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The signature on the left is for Senator Claire McCaskill, written in a cursive style. The signature on the right is for Senator Robert Bennett, also in cursive.

Senator Claire McCaskill
Chairman
Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight

Senator Robert Bennett
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight