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June 24, 2011

The Honorable Robert Gates
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to request a briefing regarding the Department's upcoming award of a new task order for base life support services to support the State Department in Iraq under the LOGCAP IV contract.

I have previously expressed concerns regarding the LOGCAP contract, including the delayed transition from the monopoly LOGCAP III contract to the competitively bid LOGCAP IV contract in Iraq.¹ I am encouraged that the Department plans to award the task order to support the State Department using LOGCAP IV.

However, I continue to have concerns regarding the Department's management and oversight of LOGCAP contract in Iraq, particularly in light of the upcoming transition of some responsibilities to the State Department. To assist the Subcommittee in its ongoing oversight, I request a briefing for Subcommittee staff regarding the new LOGCAP IV task order, including the following topics:

- (1) The delineation of management and oversight responsibilities between the Department and the State Department for the new LOGCAP task order in Iraq;
- (2) The qualifications, cost, and requirements for Defense Department personnel to support the new LOGCAP task order in Iraq;
- (3) The dates and findings of all audits performed by the Defense Contract Audit Agency of costs incurred under the LOGCAP contract in Iraq;

¹ See, e.g., Letter from Subcommittee Chairman Claire McCaskill, Subcommittee Ranking Member Scott Brown, and Ranking Member Susan Collins to Defense Secretary Robert Gates (April 30, 2010).

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- (4) The Department's plans to address the recent reports of alleged human trafficking and other abuses under the LOGCAP contract in Iraq;² and
- (5) The Department's consideration of past performance as part of the award of the new LOGCAP task order in Iraq, including the extent to which recent and ongoing Department of Justice actions may impact the Department's determinations.

The jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight is set forth in Senate Rule XXV clause 1(k); Senate Resolution 445 section 101 (108th Congress); and Senate Resolution 73 (111th Congress). An attachment to this letter provides additional information on how to respond to the Subcommittee's request.

Please have your staff contact Margaret Daum with the Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-8316 with any questions and to schedule the requested briefing. Please send any official correspondence related to this request to Kelsey Stroud at Kelsey_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill
Chairman
Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight

cc: Rob Portman
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight

Enclosure

² See, e.g., *The Invisible Army*, The New Yorker (June 6, 2011); Project on Government Oversight, *Documents Reveal Details of Alleged Labor Trafficking by KBR Subcontractor* (June 14, 2011).