



December 20, 2011

The Honorable Claire McCaskill
Chairman
Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight
Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman McCaskill:

I am writing in response to your November 15, 2011, letter to Secretary Solis regarding the VETS-100 and VETS-100A reports filed by certain federal contractors concerning the employment of veterans.

As part of its annual report to Congress, the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) submits data concerning federal contractor compliance with VETS-100 and VETS-100A reporting requirements. The VETS annual reports to Congress covering fiscal years 2008 onwards also have included related information regarding enforcement efforts by the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP), which enforces Sections 4212(a)(1) and (a)(2)(A) of the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974. OFCCP verifies that those federal contractors which it audits have met the VETS-100 and VETS-100A filing requirements. With this letter, I am enclosing the annual reports covering FY2004 through FY2010.

Neither VETS nor any other agency within the Department creates individual profiles of the federal contractors that submit VETS-100 and VETS-100A reports other than compiling the aggregate data for all reporting contractors included in the VETS annual reports to Congress. Filing contractors are of every size, undertake the panoply of federal procurement activity, and are located across the nation because every federal contractor that meets the contract threshold requirement must file VETS-100 or VETS-100A reports annually.

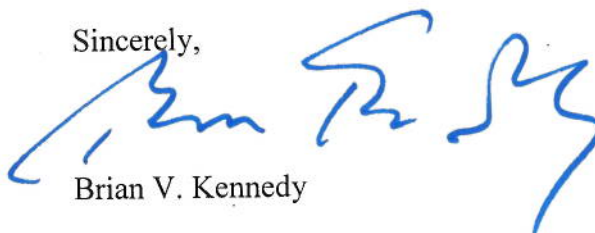
In 2009, VETS moved to an electronic filing system for the VETS-100 and VETS-100A reports. Though the Department does not create individual contractor profiles, this electronic filing system has allowed VETS to compile in a single electronic resource all of the data submitted by electronic filers. As noted in the FY2010 report, federal contractors electronically filed 99 percent of VETS-100 reports and 97.7 percent of the VETS-100A reports. With this letter, I am enclosing a disc containing this compiled data for FY2010 and FY2009.

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In addition, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is responsible for reviewing state employment services' provision of priority service to veterans. ETA reviews state policies for compliance with these requirements through its onsite monitoring reviews. ETA recognizes the importance of these state employment services, not only for listing federal contractors' job announcements and referring veterans to job openings, but to getting unemployed veterans back to work more generally. Accordingly, ETA's Office of Policy Research and Development has initiated an evaluation of the implementation of priority of service for veterans through the state employment services.

If you or your staff have any questions about this response, please contact Patrick Findlay in the Department's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. He may be reached at (202) 693-4600.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: One disc containing files in PDF and CSV formats.

cc: The Honorable Rob Portman
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight