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June 18, 2013

Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert
Chief of Naval Operations
United States Navy
Office of the Chief of Naval Operations
2000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350-2000

Dear Admiral Greenert:

I am writing to request a briefing regarding contract management by the Navy's Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR).

On December 7, 2012, I asked for information and documents regarding SPAWAR's management of the Smart/Jones Building contract and the software development contract for the Department of Defense Medical Review Board (DODMERB). On January 22, 2013, you informed me that the Navy has taken some concrete steps to address the management of these contracts. You also stated that SPAWAR is providing sustainment of the legacy system for DODMERB and is planning to develop an alternative proposal.

I remain concerned whether the Navy's response is sufficient to remedy the specific issues with the DODMERB contract, and the management challenges that were common to both contracts. I therefore request that Navy provide a briefing to the Subcommittee regarding SPAWAR and the DODMERB software development contract. At the briefing, the Navy should be prepared to discuss how it will address the DODMERB contract's cost overruns and the mediation requirements of the Interservice Support Agreement. The Navy should also be prepared to provide information regarding SPAWAR's status as a Navy Working Capital Fund activity and how this impacts how SPAWAR markets its services. I request that the Navy provide this briefing as soon as possible, but in no case later than **June 28, 2013**.

The jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight is set forth in Senate Rule XXV clause 1(k); Senate Resolution 445 section 101 (108th Congress); and Senate Resolution 64 (113th Congress).

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Please contact Sarah Garcia with the Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-5602 with any questions. Please send any official correspondence relating to this request to Lauren_Corcoran@hsgac.senate.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Claire McCaskill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Claire" written in a large, stylized loop.

Claire McCaskill
Chairman
Subcommittee on Financial and
Contracting Oversight

cc: Ron Johnson
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Financial and
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