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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

This letter is to notify you that the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) has completed the assessment of desktop computer management services I announced in my letter of June 24, 2002. After careful consideration, DFAS has decided to procure these services from a commercial source.

The DFAS has a requirement for end-to-end desktop management services not currently provided by DFAS personnel. Based on its assessment, DFAS has concluded that acquiring these capabilities from an experienced commercial source will result in savings to the Government over the life of the contract, and will have no adverse affect on DFAS's performance of its mission. Therefore, DFAS intends to issue a task order against an existing contract for a base period of 1 year, with options for up to 4 additional years. The Agency expects to issue the order within 30 days, with performance to commence within 1 week thereafter. The transition to commercial services will take place incrementally, by site, and DFAS projects that it will complete implementation in fiscal year 2005.

The data upon which this decision is based is available for examination by the Congress. Please direct any questions on this matter to Audrey Davis, the DFAS Chief Information Officer, who can be reached at (703) 607-3942. I have sent identical letters to the President of the Senate, the Chairmen and ranking members of the congressional defense committees, and Senators Lugar and Bayh, who have expressed interest in this initiative.

Sincerely,

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