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March 2, 2011

Mr. Charlie E. Williams, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Williams:

As you know, industry as well as government is preparing for the possibility of a government shutdown of unknown duration after March 18. The critical tasks of contract administration that are important to contractor payments and which trigger contractual events during performance are also of urgent concern. The undersigned members of the Council of Defense and Space Industry Associations (CODSIA) are appealing to you for more information regarding DCMA's plans in the event of a government shutdown

CODSIA was formed in 1964, at the suggestion of the Department of Defense, by industry associations with common interests in federal procurement policy issues. CODSIA consists of six associations – the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA), the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), the Professional Services Council (PSC), TechAmerica, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. CODSIA's member associations represent thousands of government contractors nationwide. The Council acts as an institutional focal point for coordination of its members' positions regarding policies, regulations, directives, and procedures that affect them. A decision by any member association to abstain from participation in a particular case is not necessarily an indication of dissent.

As our member companies plan for this contingency, they are identifying personnel who will be impacted and they are working with their government counterparts to get as much information as possible. We are asking DCMA to work with us as well. Please share as much information as you can about your plans for operation in the event of a shut down. Who are your essential workers, by function, and how many will be on the job? What are the Agency's plans to deal with schedule slippage, should it occur, and its attendant consequences? Plans, if any, to provide for contractor interim payments are of special interest.

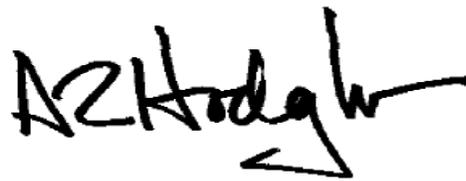
We understand the unknowns are numerous. Any information your organization might provide would be deeply appreciated. It would also be useful if you would name a point-of-contact for us to consult about different audit issues as they arise.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. Please consider Bettie McCarthy, CODSIA's Administrative Officer as a central point of contact for us. She can be reached at 703-875-8059 and codsia@pscouncil.org.

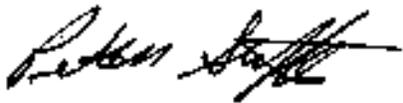
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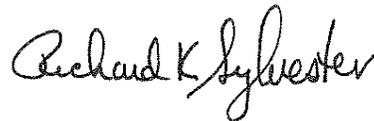
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