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September 13, 2006

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Dear Ms. Zielinski:

I wish to bring to your attention the matter concerning my constituent, Gary Green, who has encountered a problem with receiving the status on the audit of his project, Open Market Corridor (OMC). Please investigate, my constituent's claim, within the existing rules, regulations and ethical guidelines, and provide me with the final decision. MARK ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

Attn: Ryan Erickson
Office of Senator John McCain
407 W. Congress Street
Suite 103
Tucson, Arizona 85701

The response you provide will be most appreciated and will be forwarded to my constituent. If you should have any questions in the meantime, you can reach my office at (520) 670-6334. I look forward to your reply at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

John McCain
United States Senator

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Enclosure(s)

September 7, 2006

Senator John McCain
5353 North 16th Street, Suite 105
Phoenix, Arizona 85016

RE: [REDACTED] SEP 08 2006

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RE: DOD Inspector General and Open Market Corridor

Dear Senator McCain:

As you know, the Defense Authorization Act of 2006, S1042, Section 801 directed that the Department of Defense Inspector General conduct an audit at any non-Defense agency that handled procurement on behalf of the DOD in excess of \$100,000,000 annually. The purpose of Congress' action was to ensure that Department requirements and procedures were being followed by the audited agencies. Accordingly, such an audit was initiated at the Department of the Interior in August 2005. As far as we can tell, from persons familiar with the audit, the Southwest branch of the National Business Center operation of the DOI located at Fort Huachuca, Arizona was for all intents and purposes shut down as a result of the audit. The majority of warrants were suspended and the Department of the Army issued orders that the office would no longer be used by them.

Unfortunately, the project sponsored by the Naval Postgraduate School in partnership with us, known as Open Market Corridor (OMC) became, in military terms, collateral damage. Simultaneously, with the shutdown of the office, the DOI decided not to renew the OMC contract after four years of successful operation at significant savings to the taxpayer and increased efficiencies for the government. We, since January 26, 2006, been attempting to locate a new home for OMC and have several interested departments and agencies interested in continuing this innovative project. As you can well understand, attempting to move the contract without knowing the results of the audit with respect to OMC has proven to be impossible. We believe, based upon the opinions of informed sources, that OMC is clean. As a matter of fact, just last week, we received Authorization to Operate (ATO) from Naval Network Warfare Command as a result of a thorough review under the Department of Defense Information Technology Security Certification and Accreditation Process (DITSCAP).

To date, nobody we know including the Naval Postgraduate School or the DOI have been able to determine the status of the audit. Our project is stuck between the proverbial rock and a hard place.

→ I am respectfully requesting that you use your good offices to determine the status of the audit and, if OMC is clean, would it be possible for the DODIG to issue an opinion to that effect so that we can get on with the business of increasing efficiencies and reducing costs? As always, we appreciate your continued support of the project and want to thank you specifically for the help you rendered in expediting the process of DITSCAP certification which was accomplished with unprecedented speed.

Sincere best wishes,

Gary F. Green
Senior Vice President

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The Honorable John McCain
United States Senate
Attention: Mr. Ryan Erickson
407 West Congress Street, Suite 103
Tucson, Arizona 85701

Dear Senator McCain:

This is in response to your letter of September 13, 2006, on behalf of your constituent Gary F. Green.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) would like to help you resolve this matter; however, the issue brought forth by your constituent does not pertain to this agency. Following our research, we determined that you should direct your request for information to:

Mr. Douglas Bourgeois
Director
Department of the Interior
National Business Center
381 Elden Street
Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817

For your information, we have enclosed a news article from the website of *Government Executive* magazine which may be helpful in clarifying the issue.

If I can be of assistance to you in any other way, please call me, or Joanie Losacco, Deputy State Director for Communications, 602-417-9504 or via e-mail at Joanie_Losacco@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

for
/s/ **Carl Rountree**

Elaine Y. Zielinski
State Director

Enclosure

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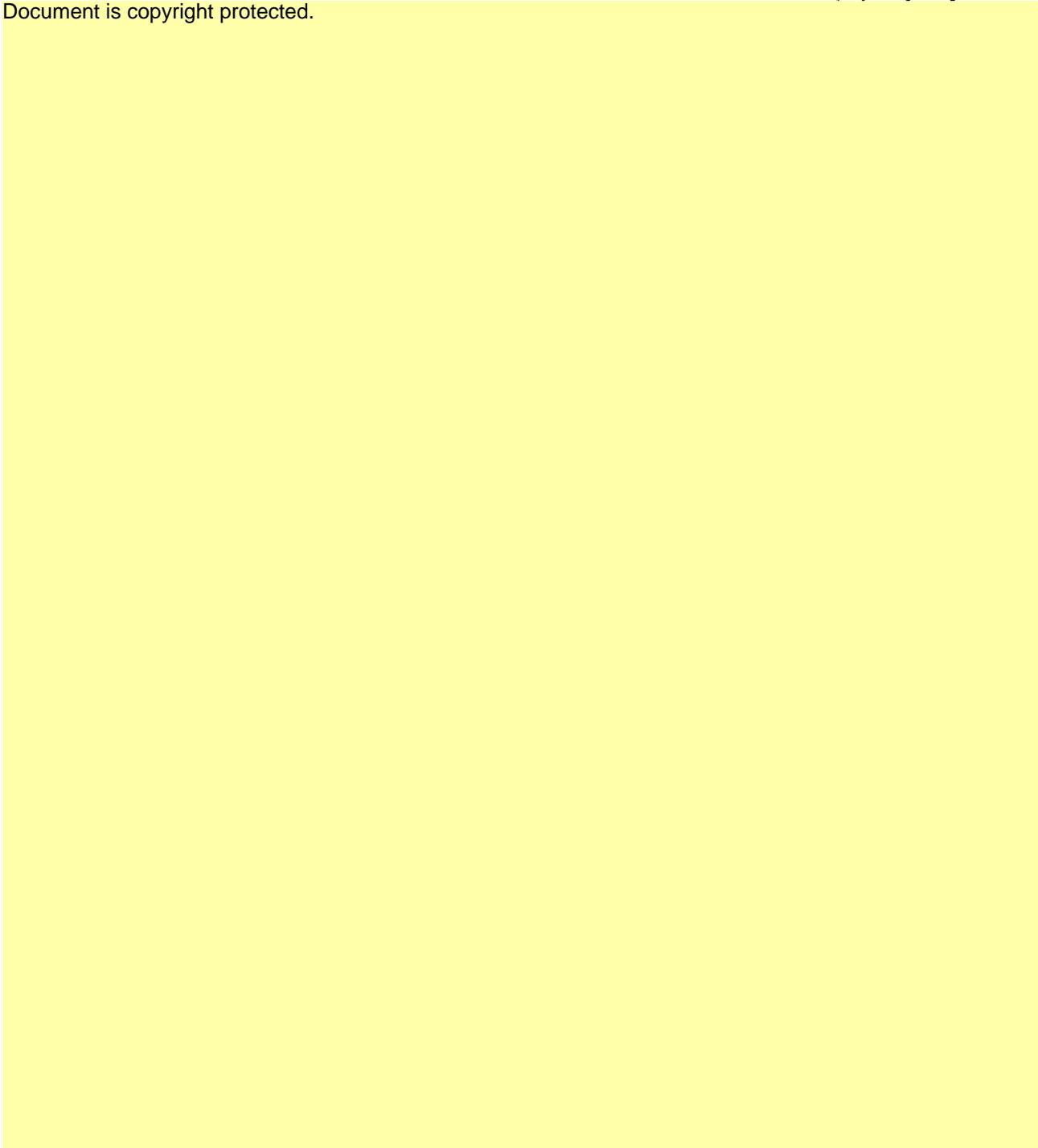
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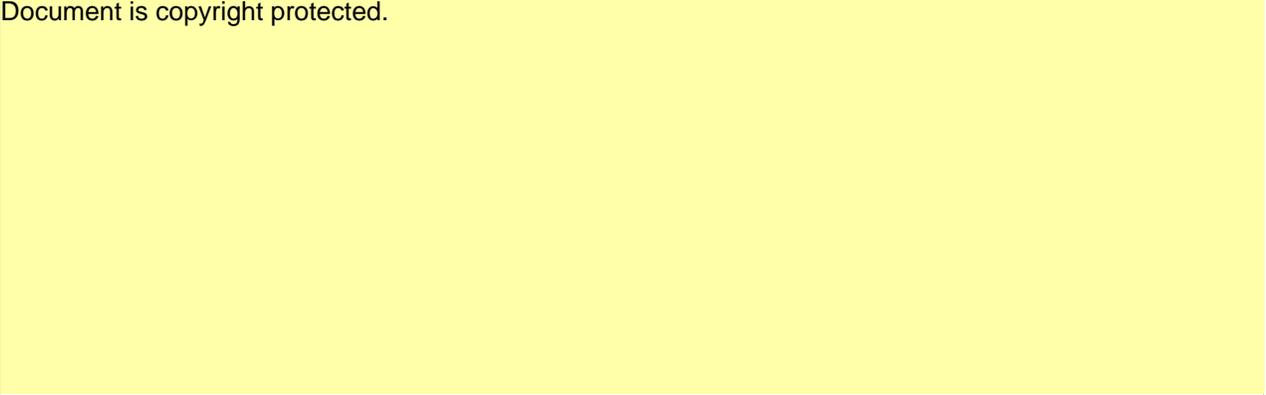
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