



GSA Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer

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Ms. Janet Fagan, Chief
Congressional Inquiry Division
United States Department of the Army
1600 Army Pentagon, Room 1E416
Washington, DC 20310-1600

Dear Ms. Fagan:

I have enclosed a copy of a letter from Representative Manzullo regarding his constituent concern that the data in the Federal Procurement Data System – Next Generation (FPDS-NG) is incorrect regarding a specific contract.

Also, enclosed is our response to Representative Manzullo advising him that this matter falls under the Department of the Army's area of responsibility.

If I may provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Molly A. Wilkinson", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Molly A. Wilkinson
Chief Acquisition Officer

Enclosure

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DONALD A. MANZULLO
16TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

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August 16, 2007

Mr. Kevin Messner
Associate Administrator for Congressional
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General Services Administration
1800 F Street, Room 6105
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Mr. Messner:

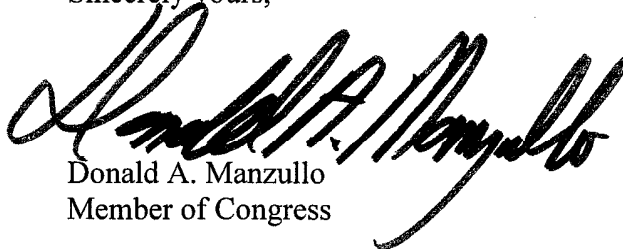
I have been recently contacted by a constituent who has an inquiry about the accuracy of the federal procurement data base maintained by the General Services Administration (GSA).

In reviewing past contracting activities by visiting the web site maintained by OMB Watch, (www.fedspending.org), my constituent noticed that previous contracts awarded to his competitor, Automated Control Systems, Inc., was listed as let under a full and open competition bidding process (see first attachment). The same data base reflected accurately the awards of contracts to his firm, Actuation Test Equipment Company, was done under a non-competitive bidding process (see second attachment). My constituent believes that Automated Control Systems received contracts under a similar non-competitive bidding process based on verbal conversations he had with certain Army Corps of Engineers employees. He believes it is unfair that the general public is led to believe that Automated Control Systems, Inc. received their contracts in an open competitive bidding process (with only one bid coming in, when, if he knew about the opportunity, he would have bid) when in fact that may not be the case. The dispute appears to primarily focus on certain contract(s) let by the Army Corps of Engineers for dam work to help the salmon on the Snake and Columbia Rivers in the Pacific Northwest in 2004. Obviously, this has implications for future work to make sure that full and open competition is truly transparent for everyone.

In talking with OMB Watch, my constituent was informed that their source of information is the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) maintained by GSA and they couldn't make any changes to their web site unless FPDS was changed. Thus, my constituent would like for the GSA to examine the exact nature of these contracts awarded to Automated Control Systems and change FPDS if indeed my constituent's allegations are true.

If you have any further questions, you can contact my Legislative Director, Phil Eskeland, at 202 225-5676. Thank you for your kind attention to my request.

Sincerely yours,

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Donald A. Manzullo
Member of Congress

Contracts to ACTUATION TEST EQUIPMENT COMPA (FY 2000-2006)

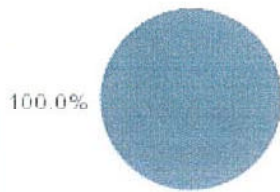
Search Criteria Used (More)

Federal Fiscal Year ALL
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Summary

Total dollars: **\$376,002**
 Total number of contractors: **1**
 Total number of transactions: **7**
[Get list of contractors](#)
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Extent of Competition ?



Full and open competition	\$0
Full and open competition, but only one bid	\$0
Competition after exclusion of sources	\$0
Follow-on contract	\$0
Not available for competition	\$0
Not competed	\$376,002
Unknown	\$0

Top 5 Known Congressional Districts where Work is Performed ?

Illinois 16 (Donald A. Manzullo)	\$376,002
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Top 5 Products or Services Sold

Automated Information System Design and Integration Services	\$37
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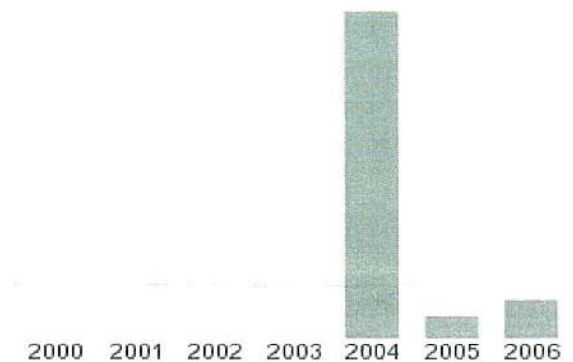
Top 5 Agencies Purchasing from Contractors

ARMY, Department of the (except Corps of Engineers Civil Program Financing)	\$21
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - civil program financing only	\$16

Top 10 Contractors

ACTUATION TEST EQUIPMENT COMPA	\$37
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Trend



2000	\$0
2001	\$0
2002	\$0
2003	\$0
2004	\$320,000
2005	\$20,000
2006 * ?	\$36,002

*Note: FY 2006 does not include data from some agen

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Contracts to AUTOMATED CONTROL SYSTEMS INC (FY 2004)

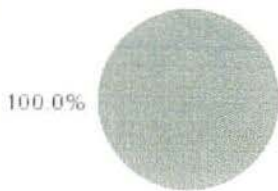
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Summary

Fiscal Year: 2004
 Total dollars: **\$3,658,992**
 Total number of contractors: **1**
 Total number of transactions: **38**
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Extent of Competition ?



Full and open competition	\$0
Full and open competition, but only one bid	\$3,658,992
Competition after exclusion of sources	\$0
Follow-on contract	\$0
Not available for competition	\$0
Not competed	\$0
Unknown	\$0

Top 5 Known Congressional Districts where Work is Performed ?

Washington 3 (Brian Baird)	\$3,624,592
Washington 5 (George R. Nethercutt Jr.)	\$17,200

Top 5 Products or Services Sold

Maintenance, Repair and Rebuilding of Equipment -- Automatic Data Processing Equipment (Including Firmware), Software, Supplies and Support Equipment \$-

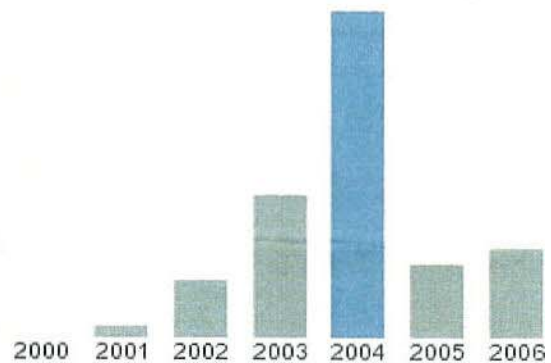
Top 5 Agencies Purchasing from Contractors

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - civil program financing only \$-
 ARMY, Department of the (except Corps of Engineers Civil Program Financing) \$-

Top 10 Contractors

AUTOMATED CONTROL SYSTEMS INC \$-

Trend



2000	\$0
2001	\$107,000
2002	\$614,970
2003	\$1,584,497
2004	\$3,658,992
2005	\$804,068
2006 * ?	\$976,799

*Note: FY 2006 does not include data from some agencies

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