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The Hon. HASC Chairman Adam Smith
The Hon. Sen. Bernie Sanders
The Hon. Sen. Elizabeth Warren

Subject: My Credentials and Referrals Regarding Acquisition Reform and Defense Costs

Dear Chairman Smith, Sen. Sanders, and Sen. Warren:

I hope that you have read my previous letters. They include legislative and oversight recommendations that are needed to fix a corrupt weapons acquisition system and lower defense costs. Sen. McCain’s goals for WSARA have not been met.

Let me know if you agree with my assessments and plan to take corrective actions. You can find corroboration of my assertions by referring to the sources in the white paper, *“DOD Acquisition Reform: EVMS-lite to Program/Project Management, Rev. 23.”*

I also recommend that you contact the following experts to corroborate my assertions and/or to confirm my experience and credibility.

Name	Former Orgs.	Former Positions	Topics	Attachments (download PDFs) (a)
Darryl Scott	DCMA, Boeing	Director, DCMA VP Contracts	Integrate Technical Performance and Systems Engineering with EVM (TPM),	Letter of Appreciation, June 2004
Andrew Hunter	HASC	Ike Skelton’s staffer for NDAA markup	All	Emails March, April 2010
Katrina McFarland	OSD	Asst. Sec. of Defense for Acquisition	TPM, Award Fee, F-35 costs and False Claims Act suit (F-35)	Email, 8/7/13
Eric Taylor	SASC, NAVAIR	Defense Legislative Fellow to McCain	F-35, TPM, Award Fees	Email, 5/14/14
John McCain via Eric Taylor	SASC	Chairman	All	Letter of Appreciation, 3/5/15

Please take appropriate actions, especially markup of the NDAA for FY 2022 and requests to GAO. I believe that the most effective action Chairman Smith can take is to resubmit H. R. Sec. 1745. Although it is applicable to government program managers, its passage would start the ball rolling to eventually require contractors to use the PMI standards for program/project management instead of the sham Earned Value Management Standard, EIA-748. See my letter to Chairman Smith dated Feb. 15, 2021.

You should also ask the NDIA and DOD to refute my arguments and to provide their rationale for maintaining the status quo. Ask them why we should continue to buy statements of work instead of products that work?

(a) This letter, with the attachments, may be downloaded from www.pb-ev.com at the Acquisition Reform tab.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul J. Solomon". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a light blue horizontal line.

Paul J. Solomon

CC:

Hon. Sen. Joni Ernst, SASC

Hon. Sen. Bernie Sanders

Hon. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, SASC

Mr. Andrew Hunter, Biden-Harris Transition Team

Hon. Kathleen Hicks, Dep. Sec. of Defense

Hon. Stacy A. Cummings, Acting Under Sec. Def. for Acquisition and Sustainment

Counsellor to the President Jeff Zients

Anthony Capaccio, Bloomberg News

Michael LaForgia, NYT