

January 3, 2006

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert  
Speaker of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

As required by Section 647(b) of Division F of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, FY 2005, P.L. 108-199, this letter constitutes the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Report to Congress on FY 2005 Competitive Sourcing Efforts.

In accordance with our Competitive Sourcing Plan dated December 15, 2003, the NRC conducted three Business Case Analyses (BCAs) of commercial activities in FY 2005. In each instance, the BCA demonstrated that it was more cost effective for the activity to be performed by Federal employees, and a determination was made not to initiate a public-private competition for the activity. Therefore, NRC did not complete or initiate any competitions in FY 2005. NRC plans to conduct additional BCAs of commercial activities in FY 2006. The number of full time equivalents involved has not yet been determined.

With regard to how competitive sourcing activities relate to the agency's implementation of the Strategic Management of Human Capital Initiative, NRC uses a systematic strategic workforce planning process and a dynamic web-based system for specifying skill needs, determining skills that are available within the current workforce, and identifying mission critical skill gaps.

Should you desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Director, Division of Contracts, Mary Lynn Scott at (301) 415-7305.

Sincerely,

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