Gentlemen;

Our firm supports the A-76 revisions and particularly any provisions that eliminates or restricts Government activity in the commercial sector. We believe that when the Government performs inherently commercial, inherently private activities, it discourages private investment and denies jobs to Americans across the nation. Furthermore we believe that the Government is fundamentally inefficient in performing commercial activities.

Provisions in the revision that eliminate unfair competition under Agency-to-Agency arrangements, and practices that allow agencies to perform work for state and local governments are particularly welcomed.

We urge a clarification in the Circular that any public-private standard competition under A-76 for architecture, engineering, surveying and mapping services be in compliance with the Brooks Act's qualifications based selection (QBS) process, as required in 40 United State Code, section 541-544 and part 36 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR).

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