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Admiral Thad W. Allen
Commandant
United States Coast Guard
400 Seventh Street SW
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Admiral Allen:

As part of the Committee's ongoing oversight of Homeland Security contract management, I am writing to request copies of certain documents related to the Coast Guard's ongoing contract with Integrated Coast Guard Systems (ICGS), a business entity the Coast Guard contracted with in 2002 to serve as the "lead system integrator" for its Integrated Deepwater Systems project.

The committee requests that you provide copies of the following documents related to this contract in unredacted form:

1. the proposal, along with amendments, modifications, and revisions thereto, submitted by Integrated Coast Guard Systems in response to the Integrated Deepwater Systems Phase 2 Request for Proposal (Solicitation DTCG23-01-R-D00001) issued on June 29, 2001;

2. the contract signed with ICGS on June 25, 2002;

3. all documents related to the 43-month extension of the Deepwater contract that was announced on May 19, 2006, including the contract extension itself, any documentation regarding the Award Team Evaluation Board's decision to extend the award by 43 months, the sole source Request for Proposals issued to ICGS for this award term, any response to this Request for Proposals from ICGS, and any newly negotiated elements of the contract that relate to pricing or performance;

4. all audits, reports, or analyses that the Coast Guard has commissioned or performed of contractor practices under this contract, including but not limited to

any reports issued by consultants that examined purchasing decisions by the contractor.

5. all recommendations submitted to your office regarding Coast Guard acquisition processes, and Deepwater's role within that process, by the newly-chartered "panel of experts" mentioned in the Coast Guard's comments provided to the Department of Homeland Security Inspector General on July 12, 2006, or other similar panels.[1]

In order to assist the Committee in preparing for a hearing scheduled for February 8, 2007, we request that you begin providing these documents as soon as possible. We also ask that you contact Committee staff to schedule a meeting, prior to **Tuesday, January 30, 2007,** to discuss the Committee's priorities and schedule for this document production.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee in the House of Representatives and has broad oversight jurisdiction as set forth in House Rule X clauses 1(m), 2, 3(i) and 4(c). An attachment to this letter provides additional information on how to respond to the Committee's request.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact David Rapallo or Anna Laitin with the Committee staff at (202) 225-5420.

Sincerely,

Henry A. Waxman
Chairman

Enclosure

cc: Tom Davis
Ranking Minority Member

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[1] Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General, *Improvements Needed in the U.S. Coast Guard's Acquisition and Implementation of Deepwater Information Technology Systems* (Aug. 2006) (OIG-06-55).