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<u>VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION</u>

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Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary
of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment
Department of Defense
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Washington, DC 20301

Dear Mr. Kausner:

Since April 2019, I have been conducting an investigation into the Department of Defense's (Department) Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure (JEDI) cloud computing program and the resulting Department of Defense Office of Inspector General (DOD OIG) report on the program and its procurement process.[1] Since I began this review, the Department and other federal agencies have awarded similar national security-related Cloud Computing programs.[2] As part of my review of federal cloud computing procurement, I request a classified briefing from the Department relating to the differences and similarities between these programs with respect to the technical requirements and procurement processes. Specifically, I request that the Department provide the technical requirements for the JEDI program as compared to the proposed Joint Warfighter Cloud Capability (JWCC). Further, I would like to learn how these requirements compare to that of the National Security Agency's cloud computing program, Wild and Stormy, and the Central Intelligence Agency's Commercial Cloud Enterprise (C2E).[3]

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[1] Press Release, Charles E. Grassley, Chairman, U.S. S. Comm. on Fin., , Grassley Presses Defense Department On Potential Conflicts In Massive Cloud Computing Procurement (Apr. 11, 2019), https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/grassley-presses-defense-department-potential-conflicts-massive-cloud-computing; *see also* Report on the Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure (JEDI) Cloud Procurement, Inspector Gen. Dep't of Def., Report No. DODIG-2020-079 (Apr. 13, 2020), https://media.defense.gov/2020/Apr/21/2002285087/-1/-1/1/REPORT%20ON%20THE%20JOINT%20ENTERPRISE%20DEFENSE%20INFRASTRUCTURE%20(JEDI)%20CLOUD%20PROCUREMENT%20DODIG-2020-079.PDF.
[2] Press Release, Dep't. of Def., DOD Aims for New Enterprise-Wide Cloud by 2022 (Jul. 7, 2021), https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/2684754/dod-aims-for-new-enterprise-wide-cloud-by-2022/.
[3] Nick Wakeman, *Why NSA has to rebid its $10 billion top-secret cloud buy,* FCW (Dec. 15, 2021), https://fcw.com/acquisition/2021/12/why-nsa-has-rebid-its-10-billion-top-secret-cloud-buy/359847/; *see also* Billy Mitchell, *CIA Quietly Awards C2E Cloud Contract Possibly Worth Billions,* FEDSCOOP (Nov. 20, 2020), https://www.fedscoop.com/cia-quietly-awards-billion-dollar-c2e-cloud-contract/; Ross Wilkers, *CIA Awards Massive Cloud Contract*, GCN (Nov. 23, 2020), https://gcn.com/articles/2020/11/23/cia-cloud-c2e.aspx.

Examples of relevant technical requirements include, but are not limited to: hardware infrastructure requirements; information security requirements; procedures for moving data and services across network boundaries; processes for updating software and hardware; cost modeling; capacity computing and storage infrastructure requirements; and standards for data operationalization. Lastly, I would like to learn about the existence and formation of all additional national security-related cloud computing programs that may exist, how those programs have been designed, and which companies they were awarded to.

Should you have any questions please reach out to Danny Boatright or Quinton Brady of my Judiciary committee staff at (202) 224-5225. Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this important matter.

Sincerely,

Charles Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary

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