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VADM Alan S. Thompson, Director
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Dear Admiral Thompson:

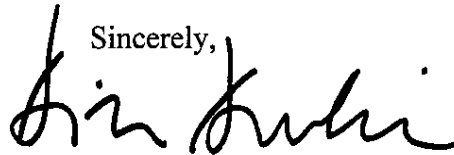
I write to ask that you review a recent contract award by the Defense Logistics Agency for Expeditionary Earth Filled Protective Barriers, Solicitation SPM8E6-08-R-0061.

This matter has been brought to my attention by Infrastructure Defense Technologies (IDT), a company based in Belvidere, Illinois. According to IDT, the award was made under a solicitation that prioritized the quality of the protective barrier over its cost. It is my understanding that the award was made to a company based in the United Kingdom, although the solicitation included a Buy American provision.

Given the terms of the solicitation and the quality of the IDT proposal, the outcome of the solicitation process has been a disappointment for the community and a source of concern for the company. The downturn in the economy has been particularly hard on northern Illinois, and the community would be proud to go work to meet the needs of the United States.

I would appreciate your review of the award to ensure that it was determined consistent with appropriate contracting rules and procedures. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin