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The Voice of the Government Services Industry

April 13, 2011

The Honorable Susan M. Collins
United States Senate
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-1904

Re: Federal Acquisition Institute Improvement Act of 2011

Dear Senator Collins:

I am writing to express the Professional Services Council's (PSC) support for the "Federal Acquisition Institute Improvement Act of 2011" (S. 762), which you introduced on April 7, 2011. PSC strongly believes that your bill takes an important step towards enhancing the capability and capacity of the federal acquisition workforce.

The "Federal Acquisition Institute Improvement Act of 2011," among other enhancements, directs the Federal Acquisition Institute to update government-wide training standards and certification requirements for federal acquisition personnel. As the government's missions and needs continue to evolve, so too must the development and standards of the professionals charged with meeting those missions. Clearly defining a career path for acquisition professionals and fostering their development is a strategic, proper, approach to rebuilding and retaining the government's acquisition personnel. In return, efficient and effective contracting is likely to result in long-term taxpayer savings that far exceed the important investments made under this bill.

Thank you for your continued leadership on these important issues and for your continued commitment to the federal acquisition workforce. We look forward to working with you and your staff as the legislation progresses.

Sincerely,

Stan Soloway
President & CEO

CC: Senator Daniel K. Akaka
Senator Scott P. Brown
Senator Claire McCaskill

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