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Thomas R. Kane  
Acting Director  
Federal Bureau of Prisons  
U.S. Department of Justice  
320 First St., NW  
Washington, DC 20534

Dear Mr. Kane:

I write regarding the qualifications and present responsibility of the contractor Glocoms Inc. (Glocoms) and its history of poor contract performance for both the U.S. and foreign governments.<sup>1</sup> Glocoms, which holds several Bureau of Prisons (BOP) contracts, was debarred by the World Bank after misstating its qualifications during numerous contract bids in several countries.<sup>2</sup> Glocoms also had several performance deficiencies on a contract with the Mongolian government.<sup>3</sup> The debarment, which extends to March 2018, includes Glocom's chief executive officer, Maurence Anguh.<sup>4</sup>

According to the Federal Procurement Data System, Glocoms has received \$756,976 in payments on BOP contracts during the past five years. These contracts appear to cover everything from phlebotomy and optometry services to art therapy and cosmetology instructors.<sup>5</sup> Although the Federal Acquisition Regulation does not require that contracting officers prepare performance evaluations for contracts under the simplified acquisition threshold, there should still be a determination of a contractor's present responsibility when it is being considered for

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<sup>1</sup> The Center for Public Integrity, *A Trail of Contracting Fiascos* (Sept. 23, 2016) (online at <https://www.publicintegrity.org/2016/09/23/19922/trail-contracting-fiascos>).

<sup>2</sup> The World Bank, *Notice of Uncontested Proceeding*, Sanctions Case No. 127, (June 24, 2011).

<sup>3</sup> The Center for Public Integrity, *A Trail of Contracting Fiascos* (Sept. 23, 2016) (online at <https://www.publicintegrity.org/2016/09/23/19922/trail-contracting-fiascos>).

<sup>4</sup> The World Bank, *World Bank Debars Glocoms and Its CEO for Fraud Related to Bank-Financed Project in Vietnam* (Apr. 2, 2010); The Center for Public Integrity, *A Trail of Contracting Fiascos* (Sept. 23, 2016) (online at <https://www.publicintegrity.org/2016/09/23/19922/trail-contracting-fiascos>).

<sup>5</sup> Federal Procurement Data System-NG (accessed Sept. 26, 2016). See e.g., contract numbers DJBP0619RB110169, DJBP040200000030, DJBP0412RB170004, DJBP0505RG310001.

contract award.<sup>6</sup> A simple Google search on “Glocoms” would have revealed a negative contracting history for the company.

To better understand Glocoms’ contracting history with BOP, I request that you provide the following information:

- (1) For all contracts awarded since April 2, 2010, documentation sufficient to show any performance information on Glocoms contained in the contract file, regardless of contract value;
- (2) For all contracts awarded since April 2, 2010, documentation sufficient to show whether any performance information on Glocoms has been entered in any performance database regardless of contract value; and,
- (3) For all contracts awarded to Glocoms since April 2, 2010, the contracting officer’s responsibility determination and any requests for a Certificate of Competency from the Small Business Administration.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. I request that BOP respond to this request on or before **October 24, 2016**. Please contact Sarah Garcia with my Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-5602 with any questions. Please send any official correspondence relating to this request to [Kelsey\\_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Kelsey_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill  
Ranking Member  
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

cc: Rob Portman  
Chairman  
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

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<sup>6</sup> See, FAR 42.1502.