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October 3, 2016

The Honorable Deborah Lee James
Secretary of the Air Force
U.S. Department of Defense
1670 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330-1670

Dear Madam Secretary:

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.¹ Glocoms, which holds several Air Force contracts, was debarred by the World Bank after misstating its qualifications during numerous contract bids in several countries.² Glocoms also had several performance deficiencies on a contract with the Mongolian government.³ The debarment, which extends to March 2018, includes Glocom's chief executive officer, Maurence Anguh.⁴

According to the Federal Procurement Data System, Glocoms has received over \$3.4 million in payments on Air Force contracts during the past five years. These contracts appear to include flight physicians, lactation consultants, youth sports officials and religious education coordinators.⁵ 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

¹ 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>).

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

³ 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>).

⁴ 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>).

⁵ Federal Procurement Data System-NG (accessed Sept. 26, 2016). See e.g., contract numbers FA466111C0020, FA460013P0005, FA481913P0031, and FA500414P0087.

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

To better understand Glocoms’ contracting history with the Air Force, 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 the Air Force 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.

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill
Ranking Member
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

cc: Rob Portman
Chairman
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

⁶ See, FAR 42.1502.