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12/18 HEARING ADVISORY:

Wartime Contracting hearing on Afghan security forces will include panel of contractor witnesses

ARLINGTON, VA, Dec. 16, 2009 – The Dec. 18 hearing by the federal Commission on Wartime Contracting on training of Afghan national security forces will include a panel of federal-contractor witnesses.

The contractor panel will comprise:

- Donald Ryder, vice president, Civilian Police Programs, DynCorp International;
- Fred Roitz, executive vice president, Xe Company (formerly Blackwater); and
- Nick Nickerson, Program Manager, Afghan National Security Sector Development and Fielding Program, of the MPRI division of L-3 Communications.

The Commission hearing, “Contractor Training of Afghan National Security Forces,” will begin at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 18, in Room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

Government witnesses, as previously announced, will be Ambassador Kenneth Moorefield, Assistant Inspector General, Special Plans and Operations, Department of Defense; Lieutenant General Richard Formica, U.S. Army, former commander of Combined Security Transition Command–Afghanistan; David T. Johnson, Assistant Secretary of State, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement; and Michael Strain, Program Executive, Counter Narcoterrorism Technology Program Office, Department of Defense.

The contractor witnesses will be the third and final panel of the hearing.

Congress created the Commission on Wartime Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan in 2008 (Public Law 110-181) to examine and recommend improvements in contingency contracting for reconstruction, logistics, and security functions. In addition to Thibault and Shays, members are Clark Kent Ervin, Grant Green, Robert Henke, Katherine Schinasi, Charles Tiefer, and Dov Zakheim.

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