



# SOCIAL SECURITY

The Commissioner

February 29, 2008

The Honorable Richard B. Cheney  
President of the Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Cheney:

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Upon submission of this letter, we will hold a competition for the function of recording time and attendance for the Deputy Commissioner of Systems (DCS). The function would be performed at the SSA headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland. There are potentially 22 full-time equivalents affected.

SSA expects to conduct a standard competition within the prescribed 12-month timeframe. The estimated cost of conducting this competition is \$40,000. Funds have been requisitioned this fiscal year from SSA's Limitation on Administrative Expenses Account to cover the costs of conducting this competition.

This report serves as certification that the proposed performance of the DCS Time and Attendance by a contractor is not the result of an executive decision to impose predetermined constraints or limitations on SSA employees in terms of work years, end strengths, full-time equivalent positions, or maximum number of employees.

There will be no economic effect on Agency employees. SSA has prepared a staffing plan to place affected employees within the Agency should the competition result in an award to the private sector.

If there are any questions concerning the report, your staff may contact Mary Glenn-Croft, at (410) 965-2910. I am sending a similar letter to the Speaker of the House.

Sincerely,



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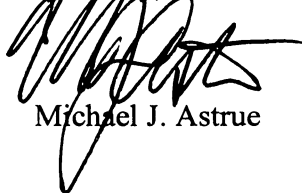
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