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Subject: Don't Reward Lawbreaking Companies

Dear General Svcs. Administration,
Regarding FAR case 2001-014, I am writing to express my opposition to the Bush Administration's proposal to repeal the Clinton Administration's rules on federal contractor responsibility. The rules require contracting officers to review a company's record of complying with laws in deciding whether the company is a "responsible contractor" eligible to receive a federal contract. A company's track record of complying with environmental protection laws should be an important factor in deciding whether the company receives a federal contract. Companies that illegally pollute our rivers and streams, fail to comply with toxic waste laws or release pollutants into our environment in violation of clean air laws shouldn't be rewarded with lucrative federal contracts. That's unfair to companies that do comply with these important laws, and allows violators to profit from their lawbreaking. Federal contracts should go to responsible, law-abiding companies, not to corporate lawbreakers. I urge the FAR Council not to repeal the contractor responsibility rules, but to allow the rules to go into effect without further delay. Thank you very much.

Aloha,
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