

**“Defense Acquisitions: One Year after Reform”**

On **Wednesday, May 19, 2010**, the Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled **“Defense Acquisitions: One Year after Reform.”** The

hearing examined the conclusions and recommendations made in the Government Accountability Office’s (GAO’s) March 2010 *Assessment of Selected Weapon Programs*

, with a focus on how well the Department of Defense (DOD) is planning and executing its weapons acquisition programs.

The witnesses discussed what progress has been made towards implementing reforms and best practices in the acquisition process since GAO’s 2008 report showed cost overruns and scheduling delays.

That report was examined in an April 2008 Subcommittee hearing entitled, “Oversight of Defense Department Acquisitions.”

Information about that hearing can be viewed

[here](#)

. Witnesses also discussed the implementation and impact of the Weapons System Acquisition Reform Act of 2009, the F-35 alternate engine, and the increasing reliance on nongovernmental workers in weapon program offices.

To watch the webcast of the hearing [click here](#) .

Witness List

· **Mike Sullivan**, Director, [Acquisition and Sourcing Management](#), United States Government Accountability Office;

· **John Roth**, Deputy Comptroller for Program/Budget, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller); and

· **Nancy Spruill, Ph.D.**, Director, Acquisition Resources and Analysis, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics.

Documents and Links

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[Opening Statement of Chairman John F. Tierney](#)

[Prepared Statement of Michael Sullivan](#)

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