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Chairman Towns Opens Investigation into Federal Procurement System

Washington, DC - Chairman Edolphus "Ed" Towns today announced that the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee is conducting a broad investigation of problems with the Federal procurement system.

As part of the investigation, Chairman Towns is examining events surrounding the award of certain contracts involving the U.S. Army's Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM). The Committee first learned of the contract awards in a Washington Post story published on Friday, August 7, 2009, titled, "A \$191 Million Question: How a relationship between an Army official and a private contractor led to allegations of collusion and impropriety."

The Chairman sent a letter to the U.S. Merit Protection Board requesting a case file, Barbara T. Strong v. Department of the Army, that contains information directly related to this matter.

A copy of the Chairman's letter is below.

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Documents and Links

- [Letter to Mr. William Spencer](#)