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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1501

July 27, 2020

The Honorable Emily W. Murphy
Administrator
General Services Administration
1800 F Street NW
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Administrator Murphy:

I write to request an explanation of why orders awarded under the 8(a) STARS II Governmentwide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) on or after July 1, 2020, must be completed by June 30, 2022. It is my understanding that the original GWAC delivery period of performance was three years after the ordering period of performance, giving 8(a) businesses until August 30, 2024, to deliver on their contracts. STARS II was designed for efficient spending on and acquisition of complex government services. However, reducing the period of performance may prevent the General Services Administration (GSA) from achieving those goals.

GSA recognized the need to increase the ceiling for this program, adding \$7 billion this summer, but the reduced period of performance may make it difficult for federal agencies to contract with STARS II Industry Partners. As you know, 8(a) businesses are facing particularly difficult circumstances during the coronavirus pandemic. However, given the reduced period of performance, many 8(a) businesses are concerned that they will not be able to take advantage of the additional funding in this contract vehicle because they will not have sufficient time to complete their contracts.

I request a written explanation within 14 days.

Sincerely,

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