

GovCon Recon Midday: June 16: Kundra Resigning; SBA Fraud Hearing on Hill; Obama Donor Receives Large Contracts

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[Our Nation's First Federal CIO \[Office of Management and Budget Blog\]](#) – Office of Management and Budget director Jacob Lew blogged that **federal CIO Vivek Kundra will leave his post in mid-August** to become a joint fellow at the Kennedy School and the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University. [Discuss potential contractor impacts of the move on [GovWin's blog post](#).]

["An Examination of SBA Programs: Eliminating Inefficiencies, Duplications, Fraud and Abuse" \[Senate.gov\]](#) – The first panel of a Senate hearing on **Small Business Administration (SBA) program fraud** with Administrator Karen Mills and inspector general Peggy Gustafson focused on **inappropriate loan agent actions** and the agency overall enforcement capabilities. The second panel featured Kevin Baron of the **American Small Business League** discussing abuse in **contractor set-aside programs** and Tad DeHaven of the **Cato Institute** calling for the **disbanding of SBA**. Check out our blog post later for more details.

[Obama rewarded party donors with 'key jobs in government and millions of dollars in contracts' \[Daily Mail \(Britain\)\]](#) – A report by the Center for Public Integrity finds that **Level 3 Communications received \$13.8 million in stimulus broadband contracts** after owner Donald H. Gips had given **\$500,000 to President Obama's election campaign** in 2007. The report found that 80 percent of Obama donors who raised \$500,000 or more were given "key administration posts" after he had promised in 2007 that such rewards would not happen.

[Lockheed Martin to lay off 95 in Greenbelt \[Baltimore Sun\]](#) – **Lockheed Martin will lay off up to 95 employees** in Greenbelt, Md., when its contract with the **National Archives and Records Administration electronic records archive** ends in September. The facility will remain open for work with other government clients such as the **Census Bureau** and **Internal Revenue Services**.

[Ft. Knox Shipment of Vehicles Arrives in Columbus \[WLTZ Columbus\]](#) – A **70-vehicle contingent** of Abrams Tanks, Bradley Fighting Vehicles, and Stryker Vehicles are being shipped from **Fort Knox** to **Fort Benning** in a base realignment and closure move. A **contractor will de-chain the vehicles** when they arrive at the base rail yard.

Federal Register Updates

[36\(b\)\(1\) Arms Sales Notification](#) – The DOD gives notice of a potential sale of **\$202 million worth of missiles** and related parts and services for **Australia's F/A-18 program**. **Raytheon Missile Systems** would be the prime contractor.

DOD, the General Services Administration and NASA are asking the Office of Management and Budget to review and approve an extension of the information collection requirement concerning:

- [Cost or pricing data requirements and information other than cost or pricing data](#)
 - [Payment by electronic fund transfer](#)
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GovCon History

[A Century of IBM Incorporation \[GovWin\]](#) – A look back at some of **IBM's contracting accomplishments** over its **100 years of incorporation**. The company was a major contributor to the early days of the **Social Security Administration** and **NASA**.

Today's GovCon Con

Raided: [FBI and IRS investigating the Carabetta Organization in Meriden \[Meriden \(Conn.\) Record Journal\]](#) – FBI and Internal Revenue Service **agents raided** the Connecticut office of **Carabetta Management** yesterday and seized documents and computers. The raid could be tied to **failed performance on \$3.3 billion worth of military housing contracts** across the nation.

Green Lantern Battles Contractor

['Green Lantern': The Way a Child Sees the World \[PopMatters\]](#) – The “**Green Lantern**” movie being released tomorrow starts with a **government contracting angle**. Hal Jordan, the eventual hero, and his fellow test pilots compete against **remote-controlled fighter jets** (YF-32s) provided by a contractor, the father of Jordan's love interest. The contractor has a **cozy relationship** with a senator for **weapons contracts**.
