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## **PENTAGON AWARDS NEW LOGCAP IV CONTRACT FOR AFGHANISTAN TO TWO OTHER FIRMS, BYPASSING KBR**

(WASHINGTON, D.C) – U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND) said the Pentagon told his office Tuesday “past performance and cost” criteria drove its decision to bypass KBR, and award a \$3 billion LOGCAP IV contract for military logistical support work in Afghanistan to two other contractors, DynCorp and Fluor.

KBR, which bid unsuccessfully on the LOGCAP IV contract for Afghanistan, is still competing for the portion of the new LOGCAP IV contract that covers Iraq where the company holds an exclusive LOGCAP III logistical support contract with the U.S. military.

As chairman of the Senate Democratic Policy Committee, Dorgan chaired 19 congressional oversight hearings on waste, fraud and corruption in Iraq and Afghanistan contracting, beginning in 2003. KBR’s poor performance often became a focus of those hearings, with evidence that exposed shoddy, incompetent work that put soldiers at risk and wasted millions of tax dollars.

Dorgan, who is also a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and its Defense subcommittee, said he welcomes the Pentagon’s decision to award the LOGCAP IV contract for Afghanistan to other companies, but that he also intends to closely monitor how, and to whom, the LOGCAP IV contract for Iraq is awarded. He added that based on the experience with KBR in Iraq, the Pentagon must do a much better job of holding the new contractors accountable for their logistical support work in Afghanistan.

“KBR’s poor performance became the issue so frequently at our hearings that I came to wonder why the Pentagon keeps awarding it contracts,” Dorgan said.

“This decision suggests that the Pentagon is finally beginning to give a contractor’s past performance the consideration it deserves when awarding contracts. But we need more evidence of that. Time will tell whether this is a serious change in policy that sends a strong message that a Pentagon contract is not a blank check and that contractors will be held accountable.”

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