DHS Office of
Procurement Operations

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Mission ~

We will obtain the best value products and services for our DHS customers. We will be innovative and continuously improve our processes for managing and implementing acquisitions. We will support the mission, ensuring conformance with law and preserving the public’s trust.
About OPO

- Provides grants/federal assistance management, procurement, and acquisition management services to various DHS directorates and organizations reporting to the Office of the Secretary;

- Provides a full range of acquisition services for department-wide acquisition initiatives identified by both the Chief Information Officer and several strategic sourcing commodity councils within DHS;

- Established as the eighth Head of Contracting Activity (HCA) with the most diverse customer base in DHS;

  ▪ Committed to establishing our organization as a leader in the effective and efficient delivery of acquisition services in support of the DHS mission.
Office of Procurement Operations

The Office of Procurement Operations (OPO) takes pride in supporting the needs of its diverse and unique customer base. Our customers include:

- Under Secretary for Management (includes the CIO, CSO, CAO, CHCO and CPO)
- Chief Financial Officer (CFO)
- Under Secretary National Protection & Programs
- Under Secretary Intelligence & Analysis
- Under Secretary Science & Technology
- Director Domestic Nuclear Detection Office
- Director Citizenship & Immigration Services (CIS)
- Assistant Secretary Health Affairs/Chief Medical Officer
- Director Operations Coordination
- Director Counter Narcotics Enforcement
- Ombudsman Citizenship & Immigration Services
- Chief Privacy Officer
- Civil Rights & Civil Liberties Officer
- Assistant Secretary Policy
- General Counsel
- Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs
- Assistant Secretary Public Affairs
- Inspector General
FY 2007 Acquisition Summary

What OPO Bought

How OPO Bought

Source: FY2007 PReSM DATA as of October 9, 2007
FY 2008 Acquisition Summary

What OPO Bought

How OPO Bought
Challenges

- Provide full range of acquisition support to 35 DHS program offices through a unified “One DHS” program;
- Diverse and wide range of requirements;
- Fast-paced environment / quick response capability;
- High-visibility acquisitions of interest to public, media, and industry;
- Hire and retain a professional, motivated workforce.
In the Spotlight

- Scrutiny
- Congress
- Media
- Industry

Plan to Cut Federal Security Unit Decried

By Mary Beth Tinker, Washington Post Staff Writer

Thursday, June 27, 2007, Page A01

The Bush administration wants to overhaul the troubled federal buildings, cutting personnel and giving a bigger role to contracting firms, saying that it should have government contractors in place to help run the new Department of Homeland Security quickly.

The project is part of a plan to help the new Department of Homeland Security quickly get up and running.

Over the next year, the cost of the no-bid arrangement with consulting firm Bechtel Allen, Hamilton is expected to total $2.1 billion, with the work on the contract to the new Homeland Security department.

By December 2004, payments to Bechtel Allen had exceeded $73 million, according to internal documents, e-mail and interviews.

The contract was awarded to Bechtel Allen in a no-bid arrangement, to $73 million, according to internal documents, e-mail and interviews.


Homeland Security Contracts Abused

Report Finds Extensive Waste

By Spencer S. Hsu

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The government contractors have been accused of spending millions of dollars on contractors to bolster domestic defense efforts after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, according to a new audit.

The government audit found that since the Homeland Security Department's 2003 budget, an explosion of no-bid deals and a critical audit of government contract managers have created a problem. Based on a comprehensive survey of government contracts, 32 Homeland Security Department contractors of $34 billion have "experienced significant waste, leading to overcharges, or mismanagement." According to the audit, released for release today and was obtained in the Washington Post.
Oversight

- **House and Senate**
  - Committees / Subcommittees
- **Government Accountability Office (GAO)**
- **Inspector General (IG)**
- **Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP)**
- **DHS Oversight**
  - Chief Procurement Officer (CPO)
Internal OPO Oversight

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- **Policy, Oversight and Customer Support Division**
  - Compliance with FAR, HSAR, HSAM, DHS Management Directives, Internal OPO Policies/Procedures
- **Mandatory Annual Ethics Training**
- **Mandatory Annual Security Training**
Our Customer Service Creed

We will work in partnership with our customers to ensure they get the goods and services they need to meet their mission needs.

We will work together to identify and implement the best business solutions available to satisfy requirements.

We will continuously communicate with customers, re-prioritize workloads to meet special needs and, most importantly, establish mutually agreeable transaction milestone schedules.
Our Customer Service Creed

We will continuously collaborate to ensure all stakeholder needs are considered and come to bear on our ultimate procurement solution.

As both business advisors and stewards of our customers’ procurement dollars, we have an obligation to work with them to develop smart acquisition strategies that are realistic, achievable and in full conformance with laws and regulations.
Conclusion

We are proud of our membership in the DHS acquisition community and the work we do each day to support the men and women who secure our homeland.

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