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Status of DynCorp Aviation Task Order 15

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Q: Will DynCorp assume the Aviation Task Order in Iraq on September 4th?

A: DynCorp is under contract to begin the Worldwide Personal Protective Services (WPPS) II Task Order 15 for aviation services in Iraq on September 4. The State Department has arranged for a temporary extension of the transition between U.S. Training Center (formerly Blackwater) and DynCorp.

Q. Why is this extension necessary?

A. The deployment of an aviation program in Iraq is a complex challenge -- a slower transition to DynCorp taking over the task order is in the best interest of the government.

Q. Has the Government of Iraq been informed of this action?

A. Yes

Q: Has the Iraqi Government approved of this action?

A: The government of Iraq has been informed that additional time is needed to allow us to finish the transition from U.S. Training Center to DynCorp's aviation program.

Q: If DynCorp is not ready to take over the task order on September 4, doesn't that mean they have defaulted on the contract? What kind of penalties are being assessed on Dyncorp for their failure to perform on time?

A: The government has a variety of options at its disposal to ensure that the government and the taxpayers are protected.

Q: Will the current task order be extended?

A: Yes, we have unilaterally extended the current task order with U.S. Training Center to ensure the continued security and safety of U.S. personnel in Iraq.

Q: What are these aircraft used for?

A: The aircraft used in the Embassy's aviation operations facilitate the continued security and safety of U.S. personnel in Iraq.

Q: How long will this extension remain in effect?

A: This is a limited extension meant to facilitate the completion of the transition.

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This is the final of three Iraq task orders that the Department is transitioning from US Training Center (formerly Blackwater) to other WPPS vendors in light of the GOI's January 2009 decision not to grant the company a security operating license.

The U.S. State Department has a World Wide Protective Services-II (WPPS) task order with U.S. Training Center (former Blackwater) for aviation services in Iraq.

- The current U.S. Training Center aviation task order was awarded September 2007.
- The current period of performance ends on September 3, 2009, but will be extended for an as yet undetermined period of time.
- The value of the U.S. Training Center aviation task order was approximately \$217M (from 9/07-9/09)
- DynCorp was awarded the Aviation task order in June 2009 to begin performance in September (as US Training Center transitioned out). The task order was awarded for base plus four option years for a total value of \$915.6M.

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