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The Honorable Stephen A. Perry
Administrator
General Services Administration
1800 F Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Mr. Perry:

As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs I am interested in the performance of the competing e-travel systems being deployed across the federal government. The Government Accountability Office informed my staff that the General Services Administration (GSA) was running tests to compare the various e-travel systems (*i.e.*, EDS, Carlson, Northrop-Grumman, and DoD's DTS). Members of GSA's staff have confirmed that such tests have been run and that, even though a final report has not been prepared, the test results are known.

Within 10 business days of receipt of this letter, please provide my staff with the following information: 1) a specific description of the types of travel and reservation criteria that were tested (*e.g.*, origination points to destinations not covered by GSA Government Contract City/Pair fares; GSA Government Contract City/Pair fares); 2) a comparison of the performance of the various e-travel systems being tested across all outcomes and with respect to relevant sub-categories, if possible (*e.g.*, travel not covered by GSA Government Contract City/Pair fares; GSA Government Contract City/Pair fares); 3) a description of the salient features of the methodology used to conduct the test and evaluate the results; and, 4) a description with timeline of plans or needs for additional testing – if the tests to date need to be supplemented with additional data.

Please arrange to brief members of my staff on the topics listed above at a mutually convenient time. Feel free to contact Chris Gacek (202-224-0609) on the Subcommittee's Staff with questions about the nature and scope of this request for information.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom Coburn
Chairman
Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management,
Government Information, and International Security