



Congressman Proposes In-Sourcing Halt Until Guidance Published

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Following hearings this week, the chairman of a House Small Business subcommittee on contracting has proposed that the Office of Management and Budget halt in-sourcing efforts until agencies publish guidelines and allow the public to comment on them.

Rep. Mick Mulvaney (R-S.C.), who chairs the contracting and workforce subcommittee, said agencies are in-sourcing, or bringing positions in house, without clear guidance — all to the detriment of private industry, Mulvaney contends, especially small business.

President Barack Obama issued a memo in 2009, directing federal agencies to develop governmentwide standards for bringing “inherently governmental” positions back in-house.

However, as Mulvaney made clear in the committee hearings Thursday, he believes agencies are continuing to create government jobs without clear guidance.

In his letter to OMB, Mulvaney also recommended strengthening the Small Business Administration’s role in in-sourcing.