



## The Administration's Shifting Tactics on In-sourcing

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Director of the Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy Shay Assad, Photo: acq.osd.mil

The Defense Department and the White House are recalibrating their public stances on in-sourcing plans.

Office of Federal Procurement Policy Administrator Dan Gordon said this week at an Integrated Resources Management Conference that confusion and misconceptions have long plagued the administration's plans to bring current private-sector positions in house.

"There have been a lot of misunderstandings," he said, according to Federal Computer Week. "A year ago, I think people thought we were on the verge of massive in-sourcing."

But, according to Gordon, that was never the attention, "and I think the record now demonstrates that," he added.

Director of DoD's defense procurement and acquisition policy Shay Assad went a step further, saying that the slow down in in-sourcing was an intentional move.

"We're changing tactics just a little bit," he said at the spring conference of the Coalition for Government Procurement.

DoD's original plans originally called for 10,000 positions to be brought in house. So far, DoD has in-sourced about 3,000, Federal Computer Week reported.

Last month Army Secretary John McHugh issued a memo to his acquisition workforce seeming to put the brakes on large-scale in-sourcing efforts.

Going forward all in-sourcing proposals must be "fully documented and justified," the memo said. That includes a manpower-requirements determination, an analysis of the alternatives and a legal review.