

AFGE Applauds Bill that Would Promote Agency 'In-Sourcing'

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American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) President John Gage praised language in an appropriations measure that would require civilian agencies to inventory the services they contract out and review whether it makes sense to bring the work back in-house. The measure, part of the Fiscal Year 2010 Financial Services Appropriations Bill, was adopted last week by the entire House Appropriations Committee on a voice vote. The bill could come to the House floor for a vote before Congress takes off for the August summer recess. "This inventory requirement will allow agencies to identify contracts that include functions that should only be performed by federal employees or are being poorly performed, so that they can be reviewed for in-sourcing," Gage said in a July 17 statement. "The foundation for a comprehensive and permanent in-sourcing policy is a reliable service contractor inventory." Last year's Defense Authorization Act required DoD to perform such an inventory, and the Army says it already has saved \$50 million from the process, lawmakers pointed out. To see more, go to:

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