

May 18, 2018

The Honorable Gerry Connolly
2238 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Connolly:

On behalf of the nearly 400 member companies of the Professional Services Council (PSC), I write to convey our association's strong support for your amendment #305 offered to the Fiscal Year 2019 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA/ H.R. 5515) to direct the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy to develop a definition and plan for measuring Procurement Administration Lead Time (PALT). PSC is the voice of the government technology and professional services industry, representing the full range and diversity of the government services sector.

This amendment mirrors a provision (Sec. 886) in the FY18 NDAA that directed the Secretary of Defense to define and measure PALT with in DoD and expands the provision government-wide.

PSC supports your amendment because all federal agencies have a responsibility to ensure that they solicit and acquire goods and services from contractors in the most effective and efficient manner. Uniformly defining PALT, consistently capturing that data, and publicly reporting those data will significantly benefit all agencies and stakeholders, particularly if it becomes the basis of structured efforts to reduce PALT.

Additionally, since Sec. 886 of the FY18 NDAA will be implemented through the existing government-wide Federal Procurement Data System – Next Generation and all federal agencies already capture their procurement information in FPDS-NG, applying this requirement to all federal agencies can be implemented seamlessly, with minimal cost and effort.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue and PSC looks forward to working with you to see this amendment adopted and then retained in the final conference report signed into law.

Respectfully,



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CC: Chairman Pete Sessions and Ranking Member Jim McGovern, Committee on Rules
Chairman Mac Thornberry and Ranking Member Adam Smith, Armed Services Committee