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FOLLOW-UP TO THUNDERBIRD CONTRACT INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON -- The Thunderbird Air Show Production Services contract at issue was awarded in December 2005 and terminated for the convenience of the government in January 2006. At the request Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne, the issues were investigated at great length over a two-year period by the Department of Defense Inspector General.

From the beginning of his tenure, the Secretary of the Air Force set about to instill a climate of open and transparent business practices. Upon reviewing the results of the Department of Defense Inspector General investigation, Secretary Wynne directed a thorough review of contracting processes and institution of a robust training program targeted to correct issues raised by this investigation. He also carefully considered the facts and took appropriate administrative actions against three officers, including a general officer, and referred action on two others to their chain-of-command.

The Air Force stands ready to support as required further review of this Contract action, and will determine any additional actions subsequent to these.

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