

vate partnerships; remove the sunset provision now scheduled for September 30, 2014; and allow multi-year contracting for greater than five years. The committee has not included this proposed provision in this Act because the committee has not yet received the analysis required by section 328 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181). This analysis is essential to the committee making an informed decision regarding the Department’s legislative proposal concerning the cooperative arrangements addressed in section 4544 of title 10, United States Code.

#### Contractor Support to the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization

The committee acknowledges the gradual expansion of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) but notes that such growth appears to include activities that may be beyond the scope originally intended, and ultimately approved, for the organization to defeat improvised explosive devices and associated networks. While the committee generally supports using contractor expertise in non-operational support and other service support type roles, the committee is concerned that the utilization of contractor personnel to fulfill and perform traditional military functions that may be inherently governmental is fraught with risks.

Specifically, the committee is concerned that JIEDDO may be establishing a cadre of contractor personnel to provide direct support to military operations as an offset to fill uniformed personnel vacancies at the combatant commands. The committee notes that this concept was not included in the original charter governing JIEDDO and may be facilitating the expansion of JIEDDO beyond its core mission. The committee believes that normal personnel procedures pursuant to the joint manning document process are in place to provide such capacity and support from military and federal civilian personnel.

In response to the above stated concerns and pursuant to the stated goals, aspirations, and limitations for JIEDDO, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, by January 31, 2011, to provide a briefing to the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the House Committee on Armed Services on JIEDDO’s use of contractors. The briefing should identify all areas of support provided by contractors and contractor employees, including support of core missions and operations and support to combatant commands. The briefing also should include an assessment of whether JIEDDO missions being performed by the contractor workforce are appropriate, including an analysis of contractor support requirements compared to performance of inherently governmental tasks, and a detailed assessment of the projected contractor workforce needs across the Future Years Defense Plan.

#### Submarine Maintenance Workload

The committee appreciates the efforts by the Department of the Navy to stabilize workloads at the nation’s public shipyards. However, the committee notes this is occurring at the same time that elements of the shipbuilding industrial base are facing workforce reductions. This is especially the case in the submarine industrial