

the Department of Defense through the SBIR program. I want to ensure that the efforts put forward by companies like NAVSYS are not shoved to the side by large corporations.

To that end, I would like an explanation as to why NAVSYS appears to have been denied the follow-on work with SMC, especially considering the success that Talon NAMATH has had in the field. Additionally, I would like to know if SMC has had any contact with the Small Business Administration about releasing themselves from their responsibility to follow congressional direction in giving preference to a small business for work that derives, extends or concludes SBIR activities.

Additionally, I am concerned about cost differences from a brand new ZMDS start over integrating the existing Talon NAMATH system. From a taxpayer's perspective, starting over from scratch could be more expensive than continuing with the current operational system that is being used by CENTCOM in theater. I would be interested to see the comparison between what it would cost to start over instead of continuing with the already proven and tested system.

Thank you for your assistance, and I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Sincerely,



Wayne Allard
United States Senator