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The Honorable Karen Hastie Williams
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Dear Karen:

Your [Proposal for a Uniform Procurement System] expresses interest in establishing a forum and procedures for the uniform handling of bid protests throughout the executive branch. Although question is raised as to whether the General Accounting Office as an agency outside of the executive branch can effectively serve the functions contemplated, the proposal recognizes that the issues involved are complex and subject to resolution only after thorough examination and study.

The GAO has been resolving bid protests concerning executive branch agency procurements for many years and we obviously have strong interest and concern with regard to plans affecting this function. I would like, therefore, to meet with you to discuss the subject generally and obtain an exchange of views.

Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

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