

THE \$1 BILLION HANDOUT

Taxpayers who care about government waste are sure to notice that Pratt & Whitney received a whopping \$1 billion handout this year for its F135 jet engine for America's Joint Strike Fighter. No wonder Congress is taking a closer look and asking:

- Why did Pratt & Whitney need an additional \$1 billion handout for a program that was already nearly \$2 billion over budget?^(1,2,3)
- Why will another \$300 million be needed to improve an engine that is reportedly "performing well"?⁽⁵⁾
- Why reward this contractor when costs have already jumped by \$5.5 million, per engine?⁽³⁾
- Why reward this performance with a **30-year, \$100 billion⁽³⁾ sole-source monopoly?**
- More importantly, how does this support defense procurement reform?⁽⁴⁾

The real waste is throwing away \$3 billion⁽¹⁾ of taxpayer investment and \$20 billion⁽³⁾ of taxpayer savings as predicted by the independent Government Accountability Office.

Congress is asking the right questions. Taxpayers deserve the answers.

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¹ GAO-10-382 (March 19, 2010)

² USAF Justification Book, Volume 2

³ GAO-10-478T (March 24, 2010)

⁴ Weapons System Acquisition Reform Act of 2009

⁵ USAF Justification Book, Volume 3, RDT&E