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The Beltsville Area, ARS, has completed a Streamlined Competition for the BARC security services study announced on June 27, 2003. Security services functions had previously been announced as a Direct Conversion to the private sector prior to the implementation of the revised Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular No. A-76, dated May 29, 2003. The Direct Conversion was converted to a Streamlined Competition in accordance with guidelines contained in OMB Circular A-76.

This competition involved the execution of a Streamlined Comparison Form (SLCF) that compared security services currently performed by government personnel with services provided by the private sector. The performance decision was certified on October 23, 2003, and resulted in a decision in favor of the private sector provider. The private sector cost estimate was significantly less than the government's estimate.

Earlier today, the certified SLCF was available for review by our security employees and the union. Representatives from Human Resources and Contracts, as well as BARC management, were available for discussions with affected employees. Because the decision was in favor of performance by the private sector, a reduction-in-force (RIF) will be required. While exact dates are not available, a RIF will be effective no sooner than mid-March 2004. Additional information will be made available as soon as firm timelines are established.

If you have any questions concerning this announcement, please direct them to you supervisor.