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### Weeding Out Bad Contractors -- The Government's Push to Enhance its Suspension and Debarment Function

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On November 15, 2011, the head of OMB, Jacob Lew, issued a memorandum requiring the heads of executive departments and agencies to increase management attention on suspension and debarment, consistent with the policies and procedures in the FAR. On the heels of the OMB memorandum, the U.S. Senate's Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs convened hearings on November 16 on "Weeding Out Bad Contractors," which featured testimony from, among others, Daniel Gordon, the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy; David Sims, the Chair of the ISDC; and Steven Shaw, the Air Force's debarment and suspension official.

For further analysis and links to the OMB Memo and Congressional testimony, [click here for a related blog post](#) by Daniel Forman.

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