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Your March 6, 2010, editorial (“If You Bring in the Cops”) rightly makes the case that Afghanistan’s future lies in the ability to successfully connect the Afghan people to their government. To that end, the question of how to strengthen the Afghan National Police is correctly front and center.

As the responsibility for police training transitions to sole Pentagon control, the consequences of the choice of contract to support this effort deserve examination. The proposed Army contracting vehicle, which was originally established for technology procurement, will have the net effect of restricting the potential choice to two, or possibly only one, provider for future training.

As the former commander of the Afghan National Security Forces training mission recently testified, this crucial mission will require experienced government contractors. It is critical that concerns about the current procurement approach, lack of adequate competition, and resulting choice of contractor, do not undermine confidence in the training.

My own company, DynCorp International, is not one of the pre-selected bidders under the technology procurement vehicle now being used for police training, notwithstanding our history of providing more than 6,000 highly experienced police advisors in 11 countries over the last 15 years. We are proud of our work and honored that Commission on Wartime Contracting Co-Chair Christopher Shays and senior Pentagon officials have all praised our teams.

Our current contract enables us to continue to perform on this important mission until the contract expires in July 2010. This is ample time to conduct a full and open competition. Doing so will help to ensure the best value for the taxpayer and provide the best outcome for our combatants in the field supporting the mission and the Afghan people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Ballhaus', written in a cursive style.

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