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Halliburton contract inquiry demanded

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A top civilian at the Pentagon is calling for a federal investigation into how contracts in Iraq and the Balkans were awarded to the Halliburton company.

Bunnatine Greenhouse, 62, is a veteran of military procurement and works for the Army Corps of Engineers as the principal assistant responsible for contracting -- the top civilian overseeing the agency's contracts.

Greenhouse's lawyers sent a letter on her behalf to the acting secretary of the Army, Les Brownlee, calling for a high-level investigation of what the letter describes as threats to the integrity of the federal contracting program.

In the Oct. 21 letter, Greenhouse said after her repeated questions about the Halliburton contracts, she was excluded from major decisions to award money and that her job status was threatened.



Salim Ahmed Hamdan was found guilty of providing material support for terrorism at a Guantanamo military commission this week. Hamdan was Osama bin Laden's driver, a fact he never denied. It should have been an open and shut case of material support for terrorism in federal court. If that path had been chosen, Hamdan would have been locked away years ago. (Click on photo for full story).

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The contracts to the Houston-based conglomerate, headed by Dick Cheney before he became vice president, have stirred controversy and charges of favoritism, as some were granted on an emergency basis, without competitive bidding. The company's reconstruction operations in Iraq, involving work for more than \$10 billion, have also been questioned about over-billing and waste.

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