



si Mainstream media missing mark on mind-body medicine

TINT HOME OPINION SPORTS CULTURE BOOKS SLOGS COMMUNITIES PHOTO GALLERIES

[Search]

ENTERTAIN US FAMILY GLOBAL LIFE SPORTS VIEW POLITICS RELIGION FOOD & TRAVEL HEALTH & SCIENCE BUSINESS

COMMUNITIES HOME POLITICS POLITICAL POTPOURRI

ABOUT US WRITE FOR US CONTACT US FEEDS TERMS

WHO WE ARE

Washington-area defense contractors worry over sequestration cuts

(;,Comnient I ShiSraet I shkbare a | I)MAIL I Mot blore I Dke



Photo: Joint Chiefs of Staff testify about the Impact of sequestrations

Thursday, February 21, 2013 - Political Potpourri by Timothy W. Coleman

Timothy W. Coleman



Ask me a question.

RELATED COLUMNS

Treasury Secretary Jack Lew: Politically inconvenient taxation

WASHINGTON, DC, February 21, 2013 - The looming March 1 deadline for across-the-board government spending cuts (known as "sequestrations") is on everyone's minds and everyone's lips these days, including the Presidents.

As President Barack Obama explained in his recent State of the Union Address, In 2011, Congress passed a law saying that if both parties couldn't agree on a plan to reach our deficit goal, about a trillion dollars' worth of budget cuts would automatically go into effect this year. These sudden, harsh, arbitrary cuts would jeopardize our military readiness."

While a deal was reached to prevent sequestration from taking effect last December, the outlook for a Congressional agreement on how best to bridge the political impasse looks far from certain. In fact, it is leaving many small and large businesses conducting business with the U.S. Government on edge as they attempt to navigate an uncertain future and ensure contingencies.

Impending budget cuts will hit local economies and businesses providing services and products directly, as well as indirectly, to the US government — especially area defense contractors.

Follow avdcommunities

We're on Follow

Elul air +155



Liberate your senses.

Find out more now. Click to register your details.

BENTLEY



Pay Off Your Home X Years Faster By Taking The President's Advice

53% of homeowners have used this ridiculously easy trick to save up to 1145,000. Responsible homeowners are now able to pay off their home in half the time and save up to \$805/month. If you're a homeowner and don't know the trick, use this free tool and see how much you can save.

Select Your Ago:

[Calculate My House Payment](#)

SEE RELATED; Treasury Secretary Jack Lew: Politically inconvenient taxation

Elsa Lee, founder of Advantage SCI, LLC a prime contractor and a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business and Woman-Owned Small Business, with offices in Virginia and California explains, "The most significant impact sequestration will likely have on government contracting will be a decrease in the number of new contracts awarded, as agencies eliminate programs that are not critical to their missions."

Adding, "It could also potentially impact existing contracts that are up for renewal as well. If contracts are cut, defense contractor employers will have to let go thousands of employees. This will have a direct impact on unemployment and the local economy."

The level of uncertainty extends beyond contract volumes. Lee, who started Advantage SCI in 2000, following two decades as a U.S. Army Colinterintelligence Agent investigating and capturing terrorists, spies, and other nefarious criminals, says, "Sequestration could also potentially impact the types of new contracts awarded as well. For example, we may have more firm fixed price contracts versus cost plus." Further, as Lee explains, "Agencies may restructure their contracts in an effort to defer any possible costs in the future and restructuring could result in not exercising their option periods, or exercise option years with fewer positions being available down the road."

The direct impact on defense contractors remains unclear. It appears that the level and magnitude of sequestration will be dependent upon the impact to the contracting agencies and departments.

With unemployment remaining stubbornly high, employee morale and job security concerns remain an ever-present reality for those working for defense contractors. "We strive to provide our team as much information as we possibly can. Timely dissemination of verified information between the government and their defense contractors and employers with employees is vital and are a top priority, as it acts like cold water on speculation," Lee notes.

"We are in daily contact with all of our Federal contracting officers so we can remain abreast of the developing situation and adapt work schedules as necessary. We already have a good sense of the impact it will have at the government agencies we support. Many of our employees already know to remain flexible in the critical operations they support. However, I don't think anyone knows for sure the full effect that sequestration will have on everyone."

Most employees from defense contractors along with the military, however, will remain in place and run government agencies, possibly unpaid, if and when civilians are impacted by sequestration.

With nearly one hundred employees concerned about the impact of sequestration, Lee concludes, "Ultimately, I tell my team it is 'business as usual' and that it is essential to remain focused on mission support."

When or if Congress will act remains up in the air, but time is running out In the end, Elsa Lee and countless other defense contractors in Virginia and around the US will have to wait and see. Excellence remains the deliverable as always - even when patience is in short supply.

This article is the copyrighted property of the writer and Communities @ WashingtonTimes.com. Written permission must be obtained before reprint in online or print media. REPRINTING TWTC CONTENT WITHOUT PERMISSION AND/OR PAYMENT IS THEFT AND PUNISHABLE BY LAW.

More from Political Potpourri



Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, Desert Storm commander and



The Fiscal Cliff defined: What going over means to you



&Ir Gun control is an individual IP responsibility

Mir Apple Mac hack attack related to earlier Facebook incident



Mama has state of the delusion speech shovel ready

G2o declares war: The global currency war is on



Is theCHIVE the best site in the world?



WIVE Elimination Chamber: Rock defeats CM Punk, WIVE Stock rises



Sarah Patin: Mama Grizzly to speak to CPAC 2013 (Video)



What's all the fuss about Maker's Mark Bourbon? It's just whiskey...

MOST READ

- Sequestration? It was Obamas plan from the start
- Sinead O'Connor reveals her abuse in Catholic Magdalene Laundries
- College women need rape whistles, not guns says Colorado lawmaker
- Washington-area defense contractors worry over sequestration cuts
- Deportation of German homeschool family affects US homeschool freedom
- Athletes and parents: A parents guide to fencing tournaments
- Winter 2013 TV schedule: what new shows should you watch?
- The Cockney Rejects: English punk rock returns to L.A. at El Rey
- TV tonight: Inside Combat Rescue on National Geographic Channel
- Black Bloc versus White Bloc in Egypt

QUESTION OF THE DAY

Is Joe Biden's advice to "Buy a shotgun..."

- C Bad Advice
- C Good Advice
- Vote'
- View Ferris