



GSA Federal Supply Service

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The Honorable Don Young
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Young:

This letter is in response to your letter dated January 8, 2004, concerning the cooperation of the General Services Administration (GSA) with respect to the continued use of the Ex-Competent by the Tanadgusix Corporation (TDX).

GSA has just now become aware that the U.S. District Court in Alaska (Court) has ruled on the fair rental value. In accordance with the Court rulings, TDX can certainly continue to use the dry-dock while TDX's appeal of the Court decision is pending. We anticipate that TDX will comply with the Court's ruling.

GSA has not taken any steps to interfere with other government agencies potentially contracting with TDX for ship repair services utilizing the Ex-Competent. The ongoing litigation has become public knowledge. As other agencies become aware of the court dispute, if they specifically ask GSA if TDX has clear title to the dry-dock, we will acknowledge that title is the subject of ongoing litigation, but we will limit any further comments regarding any ongoing discussions or actions related to the litigation beyond what is already stated in the Court records because of the on-going litigation. Agencies may or may not use this information from GSA as a factor in their independent contracting decisions.

As the proper ownership of the dry-dock remains in dispute, GSA is unable to make any commitment relating to future use of the dry-dock should the U.S. Court rule in favor of the United States.

I trust this information is helpful. Should you have any further questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. David Robbins, Acting Director, Property Management Division, on (703) 308-0374.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna D. Bennett".

Donna D. Bennett
Commissioner