

“I’ve long been a proponent of effective and transparent public-private partnerships as a way to reduce taxpayer costs, maximize available resources, and better meet public needs. From supporting scientific discovery to improving public infrastructure, these innovative alliances can be essential, especially when government agency budgets are being cut.

“Last year, however, a public-private partnership between NASA and H211 LLC at Moffett Federal Airfield was claimed to have been the result of favoritism. A subsequent Congressional review and an audit by the NASA Inspector General (IG) released in August, 2012 both determined this partnership was formed in accordance with the law. Specifically, H211 met the requirements of being financially solvent and aligned with a NASA mission.

“In response to new inquiries about whether the partnership between H211 and NASA unfairly resulted in below market prices on jet fuel for the company, I fully support a separate NASA IG audit already underway, as well as an audit by the Department of Defense Inspector General, to determine if this agreement was in the best interest of taxpayers. If it’s found that the federal government was short-changed, H211 should make good on the difference.”

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