



Construction Industry Round Table

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03/28/2017 – Freedom from Government Competition Bill Reintroduced

Earlier this month, Senator John Thune (R-SD) and Rep John “Jimmy” Duncan (R-TN), reintroduced companion bills in both chambers of Congress that would require federal agencies to rely on the private sector when providing goods and services that are readily available. As a founding member of BCFC, the Round Table has been a long-time supporter of the “*The Freedom from Government Competition Act*” which seeks to ensure private enterprises that provide services that are replicated by the federal government have the ability to compete for the opportunity to deliver those services to the federal agencies as contractors. The legislation would codify the so-called “Yellow Pages” test, which says that if the federal government is doing something that can be found in the Yellow Pages, the product or service should be subject to market competition to ensure better value for the taxpayer. However, the legislation does not mandate the privatization of any specific federal service and would protect those activities that are inherently governmental.