



**SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS**

**Submitted by**

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**to**

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To the Members of the Commission on Government Efficiency:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with the Commission at yesterday’s Staten Island [hearing](#) on the reforms to the New York City Charter being [considered](#) by the Mayor’s [Commission on Government Efficiency](#), regarding [speeding up New York City’s roughly \\$50 billion public procurement system](#). These supplemental comments respond to a question raised at yesterday’s hearing by Commission Chairman Patrick Gaspard.

The majority of the testimony at yesterday’s hearing came from non-profit contractors that provide social services – such as housing for persons without homes – to the City of New York. Those contractors voiced one recurring complaint with the City’s procurement system: delays in contract awards and payments. When they presented, the City’s contracting officials also discussed [extensive efforts](#) that the City has made to shorten procurement time cycles. When my turn came to address the Commission, the Chairman put that same issue to me: what can New York City learn from other systems so as to reduce these procurement delays?

One very thorough study of procurement delays was done in 2024 by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) ([GAO Report No. 24-106528](#)) regarding delays in federal procurement. GAO focused on strategies used to reduce the time from solicitation to contract award, which is referred to as “procurement administrative lead time” (PALT).



In that study, GAO noted that the U.S. Office of Management and Budget had issued a [policy memorandum](#) in 2021 outlining a series of measures agencies can use to reduce PALT. While New York City has adopted many of those strategies (such as monitoring contracting delays across the enterprise), the Commission may wish to consider other innovative approaches, such as using vendor video presentations to streamline competitions. In a subsequent [presentation](#) on its report, GAO emphasized that these innovative strategies must be combined with agency-wide monitoring and accountability in order to reduce delays in the procurement process.

Thank you again for allowing me to submit supplemental comments on the Commission's important work. Should you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at [cyukins@law.gwu.edu](mailto:cyukins@law.gwu.edu).

Respectfully submitted,

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