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Instance of State Agency Work That Should be Privatized

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Mr. Strachan,

I work for Aero-Graphics, a local provider of aerial mapping and surveying services throughout the western United States. It has come to my attention that the LASSI Service Center (an arm of Utah State University) is providing these same services directly to other state agencies. In some instances, the Service Center has competed with us for local work. The University has flown and produced over 1,900 sq. miles of elevation data for the Utah Geological Survey over the past three years. Below is a link to the UGS website that describes their partnership with LASSI.

<http://geology.utah.gov/databases/lidar/lidar.htm>

We have no problem with legitimate research and educational functions that the University conducts with regards to our profession. But this work performed for the UGS is strictly commercial in nature. It should be channeled to the private sector where it can be accomplished more efficiently and at lower costs.

Please let me know your thoughts on this matter.

Regards,

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