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The Business Coalition for Fair Competition, a group of 13 national business, taxpayer and free market organizations, called the policy "a mixed bag."

"It will bring to a halt the unjustified government performance or insourcing of commercial activities that we have seen in recent months," said the group's President John Palatiello. "On the other hand, the proposed policy never uses the term 'commercial activities' and does not strike a balance between inherently government and commercial activities."

The guidance, he said, also fails to address activities that should be reserved for contract employees or when a direct conversion to the private sector is appropriate.

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