

FCW Forum: Can feds turn back the clock on outsourcing?

Published on February 5, 2008 - 10:37 AM

Sen. Hillary Clinton (D.-N.Y.), speaking Monday during a virtual town hall meeting, reiterated her promise to cut 500,000 contractor jobs in her first year in office.

"This administration has given away so many of the fundamental functions that our government should be performing," Clinton said.

Speaking on the eve of the "Super Tuesday" primaries, she said the Bush administration's outsourcing policy has been a failure because, among other reasons, "we are not getting our money's worth."

Cutting half a million contractors would save the government \$18 billion "that I think we could use in better ways," Clinton said.

What do you think? Forget, for a moment, the political context of this discussion. How difficult would it be for agencies to bring work back inside government after it has been outsourced? Do agencies have the workforce to handle that work? And what would be the financial impact?

Post a comment on this blog (registration required) or send an e-mail to letters@fcw.com (subject line: Outsourcing) and we will post it for you.