services furnished at the CORF. Also, state survey agencies are not precluded from making visits to the off-site locations as necessary, to ensure that the CORF requirements are met.

Recently, a briefing on CORFs and outpatient rehabilitation facilities was held for Kevin Thurin, Deputy Secretary of DHHS. I presented the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)’s program integrity action plan based on analysis we had initiated with the HCFA Miami Satellite Office. The plan includes intensified medical review in targeted areas, education of providers and fiscal intermediaries, and increased reviews of off-site locations. I believe these interventions and the increased oversight will curb inappropriate growth of the providers until HCFA is granted statutory authority to require that PT, OT, or SP be furnished at a single, fixed location.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Hash, Deputy Administrator.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

Bill helped the Department of Defense through the evolutionary stages of defining its vision, leading to one of the largest non-weapon programs—DTS. Mr. Speaker, Bill Shively leaves a legacy of public service that will be long remembered. But, more important to Bill, he leaves a legacy to that is sure to inspire his family for generations to come. Despite the impact of his visionary actions around the world, Bill Shively’s No. 1 priority has been his family. Bill has been a dedicated father of three sons and a devoted husband to his wife, Betty.

Mr. Speaker, Bill Shively has done much for his country. We must take the time to pay tribute to great Americans like Bill, citizens who share their special skills to make outstanding contributions to their nation. Bill Shively may be retiring, but he has improved federal processes and driven down costs to taxpayer—truly lasting contributions that will benefit our country for generations to come.

At a time when good role models are few and far between, a time when people of integrity are needed more than ever, Bill Shively is a shining example of how to achieve success in our personal, professional and public lives. Mr. Speaker, please join me today to honor William Shively for all he has done to help others. We wish him and his family all the best in his retirement and in all his future endeavors.

Bill’s hard work and pioneering efforts in the area of financial management and commitment to public service are absolutely exemplary—as well as an inspiration to us all.

Mr. Speaker, Bill Shively is retiring as Executive Vice President of the nationally recognized Gelco Information Network in my Third District of Minnesota.

Bill had the vision in 1992 to bring corporate America’s soundest financial management practices to the federal government. In his book Best Practices, Bill Shively identified areas for immediate improvement and re-engineering. He targeted official business travel within government since, in the corporate world, travel is the third largest business expense behind payroll and data processing.

Mr. Speaker, in 1995 the federal government was spending over $7 billion on official business travel. Mr. Shively realized the government was spending unnecessary overhead based on the outdated business processes that governed federal travel.

The need for improvement in this arena, Mr. Speaker, was the source for Bill’s vision to create a business unit dedicated to identifying improvements and recommending solutions to save taxpayer money. The vision’s underlying theme was to provide taxpayer money through the implementation of re-engineered systems and processes.

Mr. Speaker, the Government Services Division of Gelco was born on March 1, 1995 and was comprised of Bill and one other employee. Since 1995, the business has grown close to 100 employees, supporting products and services utilized today within every single federal executive agency within our government.
rightfully honored for his achievements by half of the youth in our community, and is served reputation as a tireless fighter on behalf of the Pascack Historical Society. Mr. Speaker, I applaud the members of the Board of Directors, Section 4 of Township VII of the museum and attended the Historical Society’s lectures. Staffed entirely by volunteers, the museum has depended on the generosity of its members and friends for financial support.

But speaking up and continuing to work here are not compatible. By speaking out, I cannot provide you, my employees, with a safe working environment. And to date, I have not been able to convince others that the current atmosphere is unacceptable and requires a proactive response. I refuse to continue to participate in this charade of normalcy.

I am choosing to leave for my principles for my personal well-being, and so I can actualize my commitment to natural resource management in a setting where respect and civil discourse is the norm. I have no definite plans and I am not seeking special treatment from the agency. I will stay at least until the end of the year to help ensure a smooth transition to new leadership. I leave you with my fondest wishes for continued success in a collegial and cooperative manner. The health of the land is paramount.

Equally troubling is our limited ability to perform the mission of the Forest Service under these conditions. As stewards for public lands, entrusted with protecting and restoring natural resources for present and future generations, we must be able to perform those functions in a collegial and cooperative manner. The health of the land is paramount.

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