

### Stop Corporate War Profiteers!

It becomes clearer as time passes that some of the biggest winners of the war in Iraq are the corporations standing to profit from the multi-million dollar contracts doled out by the U.S. government for the reconstruction of the war-torn country and the extraction and management of its vast oil reserves.

Many of these highly prized contracts have been granted to well-connected corporations with personal ties to administration insiders, a history of mammoth campaign contributions and extensive lobbying clout. The secrecy, lack of competitive bidding and lack of cost accountability guarantees in many of the initial contracts is particularly troubling, given the questionable performance records of some of the contractors. Secrecy invites skepticism, and for good reason. It is behind closed doors that deals get made based on political favoritism instead of merit. Disclosure and transparency are essential to democracy. President Bush, who has spoken so forcefully on the virtues of an open democracy in justifying the war, should be the first to recognize this.

### GET INFORMED!

### **Halliburton**

Learn how the politically connected corporation, despite a dubious performance record and past dealings with Saddam Hussein, will profit from reconstruction contracts.

# **Bechtel**

Learn about the abuses of this corporation, which was awarded a huge reconstruction contract.

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### **Fact Sheets**

- Corporations and War Profiteering
- Corporations and the War in Iraq
- <u>Cheney wins Daddy Warbucks Award</u>
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- <u>Contractor Responsibility</u>
- Stop the Corporate War on Democracy

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• U.S. Labor Against the War Report: Corporate

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#### **Related News Stories**

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- "Company Overcharged U.S. in <u>Iraq, Bush Says</u>" Washington Post, December 13, 2003
- Center for Public Integrity <u>Advisors</u> of Influence: Nine members of the Defense Policy Board have ties to Defense Contrators
- Oil War News Website
  <u>www.endgame.org/oilwarlinks.html</u>
- Post-War Iraq Contracts

Invasion of Iraq

- Sustainable Energy & Economy Network Report
  <u>www.seen.org</u>
- War profiteers playing cards <u>www.warprofiteers.com</u>
- War Profiteers Campaign of the <u>Institute for</u> <u>Southern Studies</u>
- United for a Fair Economy: <u>CEO's at Defense</u> <u>Contractors Earn More</u>
- Business opportunities in Iraq from the corporate perspective: Iraq Business Reporter
- The government's site for reconstruction activities and contracts <u>www.usaid.gov/iraq</u>
- USAID FAQ's about the contracting process www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2003/fs030411.html
- Campaign contributions from corporations awarded reconstruction contracts <u>www.opensecrets.org/news/rebuilding\_iraq/index.asp</u>
- List of <u>Top 100 recipients of Defense Department</u> <u>Contracts</u>
- The World Policy Institute <u>www.worldpolicy.org</u>
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- CorpWatch: <u>Halliburton makes a</u> <u>Killing on Iraq War</u>
- What Happens Next? www.sundayherald.com/32721
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