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BiblioGov. Paperback. Book Condition: New. This item is printed on demand. Paperback. 36 pages. Dimensions: 9.7in. x 7.4in. x 0.1in.GAO conducted a study to determine: (1) whether the military services were reasonably sure that contractor and Department of Defense (DOD) civilian support personnel would be available when needed overseas in the event of an outbreak of war; and (2) what actions might be taken to ensure continuity of essential functions during mobilization and conflict. Recent studies have estimated that as many as 6,000 overseas U. S. civilian and contractor personnel are essential to maintain weapons systems and military equipment. There is reason for concern that some essential employees would choose not to stay at their jobs if they thought that conditions were excessively dangerous. Within the projected group of essential civilians, there is a smaller subset of critically needed civilians whose loss could be debilitating. DOD officials have suggested several alternatives to address the situation, including: (1) requiring civilians to remain at their posts under penalty of criminal sanctions; (2) expanding jurisdiction under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to cover civilians in situations not involving a declaration of war; (3) requiring military reserve status for civilians in essential...

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