

# *U.S. judge temporarily blocks Microsoft-Pentagon contract after Amazon lawsuit*

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Washington, February 15 (RHC)-- A U.S. federal judge has temporarily blocked Microsoft from working on a \$10 billion Pentagon cloud contract. The ruling comes after Amazon sued to block the contract, alleging the Defense Department did not fairly evaluate Amazon's bid because Trump had intervened, telling former Defense Secretary James Mattis to "screw Amazon" out of the deal in 2018.

This claim surfaced in a book written by Mattis's former speechwriter. Amazon argued its bid was not fairly evaluated because Trump considers Amazon head Jeff Bezos, who also owns The Washington Post, as Trump's "political enemy."

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