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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the procurement practices of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “VA Procurement Effi-
3 ciency and Transparency Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. INFORMATION ON COST OR PRICE SAVINGS FROM**
5 **COMPETITION.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 81 of title 38, United
7 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 8128
8 the following new section:

9 **“§ 8129. Information on cost or price savings from**
10 **competition**

11 “(a) RECORDING OF INFORMATION.—With respect to
12 any contract awarded by the Secretary that is reported
13 in the Federal Procurement Data System described in sec-
14 tion 1122(a)(4)(A) of title 41, United States Code, or any
15 successor system, the Secretary shall record information
16 on the amount of any cost or price savings realized by
17 using competitive procedures in awarding such contract.

18 “(b) PLACEMENT OF RECORDS.—The Secretary shall
19 place recorded information under subsection (a) as follows:

20 “(1) With respect to contracts recorded in the
21 Electronic Contract Management System, or any
22 successor system, in such system.

23 “(2) With respect to contracts not covered by
24 paragraph (1), in a location determined appropriate
25 by the Secretary.

1 “(c) CALCULATION OF COST SAVINGS.—(1) In car-
2 rying out subsection (a), the Secretary shall calculate the
3 amount of cost or price savings realized by using competi-
4 tive procedures in awarding a contract by—

5 “(A) subtracting the total value of the selected
6 offer or quote from the average of the total values
7 of all offers or quotes evaluated; or

8 “(B) subtracting the total value of the selected
9 offer or quote from the total value of the median
10 offer or quote evaluated.

11 “(2) If the difference calculated pursuant to para-
12 graph (1) is negative, the Secretary shall record such dif-
13 ference as zero.

14 “(3) The Secretary shall make calculations under
15 paragraph (1) with respect to a contract—

16 “(A) at the time at which the Secretary obli-
17 gates amounts under such contract; or

18 “(B) if such contract contains options, at the
19 time at which the option is exercised.”.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
21 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
22 after the item relating to section 8128 the following new
23 item:

“8129. Information on cost or price savings from competition.”.

1 **SEC. 3. USE OF STANDARDIZED PROCUREMENT TEM-**
2 **PLATES.**

3 To the extent practicable, the Secretary of Veterans
4 Affairs shall make available and use on a Department-
5 wide basis the standardized procurement templates used
6 by the Central Office of the Department, the Veterans
7 Health Administration, the Veterans Benefits Administra-
8 tion, and the National Cemetery Administration. In car-
9 rying out this section, the Secretary may customize such
10 templates to address particular procurement situations.

Passed the House of Representatives July 24, 2017.

Attest:

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Clerk.