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[Report No. 115-246]

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 6, 2017

Mr. COFFMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

JULY 24, 2017

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

6 **SEC. 2. INFORMATION ON COST OR PRICE SAVINGS FROM**
7 **COMPETITION.**

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

11 **“§ 8129. Information on cost or price savings from**
12 **competition**

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

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

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

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

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

8 “(A) subtracting the total value of the selected
9 offer or quote from the average of the total values
10 of all offers or quotes evaluated; or

11 “(B) subtracting the total value of the selected
12 offer or quote from the total value of the median
13 offer or quote evaluated.

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

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

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

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

23 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
24 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting

1 after the item relating to section 8128 the following new
2 item:

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

3 **SEC. 3. USE OF STANDARDIZED PROCUREMENT TEM-**
4 **PLATES.**

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

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