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H. R. 789

[Report No. 119–35]

To require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to issue rules for cancelled covered solicitations, to amend the Small Business Act to provide assistance to small business concerns relating to certain cancelled solicitations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 28, 2025

Mr. LATIMER (for himself, Mr. ALFORD, and Mr. MFUME) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

MARCH 24, 2025

Additional sponsor: Ms. GOODLANDER

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and ordered to be printed

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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 “Transparency and Pre-
5 dictability in Small Business Opportunities Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION RULES FOR**
7 **CANCELLED COVERED SOLICITATIONS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
10 the Small Business Administration shall issue rules as fol-
11 lows:

12 (1) Requiring disclosure of information about a
13 covered solicitation that was issued and cancelled
14 that includes the following:

15 (A) A justification for the cancellation of
16 such covered solicitation.

17 (B) Available information about any plans
18 to reissue such covered solicitation and any as-
19 sociated timeframes for such reissuance.

20 (C) Available information about any plans
21 to include the requirements of such covered so-
22 licitation in another contract or task order of
23 the Federal agency.

24 (2) With respect to a cancelled covered solicita-
25 tion which the Federal agency does not intend to re-

1 issue, establishing procedures for the referral of a
 2 small business concern (as defined under section 3
 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632)) that
 4 prepared a bid for such covered solicitation to the
 5 Director of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utili-
 6 zation (as defined in section 15(k) of such Act (15
 7 U.S.C. 644(k))) of the Federal agency for assistance
 8 in identifying similar contracting opportunities.

9 (b) PUBLICATION.—The information required under
 10 subsection (a) shall be made publicly accessible on the sin-
 11 gle, Government-wide point of entry described under sec-
 12 tion 1708 of title 41, United States Code.

13 (c) COVERED SOLICITATION DEFINED.—The term
 14 “covered solicitation” means a solicitation of a Federal
 15 agency for a procurement for which two or more small
 16 business concerns were eligible to submit a bid.

17 **SEC. 3. DUTIES FOR DIRECTORS OF OFFICES OF SMALL**
 18 **AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS UTILIZA-**
 19 **TION RELATING TO CERTAIN CANCELLED SO-**
 20 **LICITATIONS.**

21 Section 15(k) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
 22 644(k)) is amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (21), by striking the period at
 24 the end and inserting “; and”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following new
2 paragraph:

3 “(22) shall, when notified by a small business
4 concern that a Federal agency cancelled a sollicita-
5 tion for which such concern prepared a bid and such
6 Federal agency does not intend to reissue such sollicita-
7 tion, assist such concern with identifying similar
8 contracting opportunities.”.

9 **SEC. 4. COMPLIANCE WITH CUTGO.**

10 No additional amounts are authorized to be appro-
11 priated to carry out this Act or the amendments made
12 by this Act.

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