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To make improvements to Federal contracting opportunities for small business concerns owned and controlled by women, and for other purposes.

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Ms. VELÁZQUEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Veterans' Affairs, and Oversight and Accountability, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To make improvements to Federal contracting opportunities for small business concerns owned and controlled by women, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Generating Revenue Opportunities for Women-Owned
6 Small Businesses Act of 2024”.

7 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of content for
8 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Definitions.
- Sec. 3. Establishment of women-owned indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contracts.
- Sec. 4. Exclusion of self-certified small business concerns owned and controlled by women from goals.
- Sec. 5. Increase to Governmentwide goal for participation in Federal contracts by certain small business concerns.
- Sec. 6. Training on increasing contract awards to small business concerns owned and controlled by women.
- Sec. 7. Report from the Secretary of Defense.
- Sec. 8. Report on use of sole source authority to award contracts to small business concerns owned and controlled by women.
- Sec. 9. Waiver of justification and approval requirements.
- Sec. 10. Elimination of unnecessary restrictions on awards to small business concerns owned and controlled by women.
- Sec. 11. Requirements relating to agency procurement forecasts.
- Sec. 12. List of small business concerns owned and controlled by women that have not been awarded a Federal contract.
- Sec. 13. Best practices for increasing Federal contracting opportunities for small business concerns owned and controlled by women.
- Sec. 14. Reports on use of set-aside authority to award contracts to small business concerns owned and controlled by women.
- Sec. 15. Comptroller General survey of Offices of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.
- Sec. 16. Award program for small business concerns owned and controlled by women.
- Sec. 17. Parity for contracting preferences for small business concerns owned and controlled by women.
- Sec. 18. Technical amendments.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) ADMINISTRATION.—The term “Administra-
4 tion” means the Small Business Administration.

5 (2) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
6 trator” means the Administrator of the Small Busi-
7 ness Administration.

8 (3) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
9 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
10 mittees” means the Committee on Small Business of

1 the House of Representatives and the Committee
2 Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate.

3 (4) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.—The term
4 “small business concern” has the meaning given
5 under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15
6 U.S.C. 632).

7 (5) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN OWNED AND
8 CONTROLLED BY WOMEN.—The term “small busi-
9 ness concern owned and controlled by women” has
10 the meaning given the term in section 3 of the Small
11 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

12 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF WOMEN-OWNED INDEFINITE**
13 **DELIVERY, INDEFINITE QUANTITY CON-**
14 **TRACTS.**

15 (a) AUTHORITY.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the
17 General Services Administration may establish and
18 administer an indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity
19 contract exclusively for small business concerns
20 owned and controlled by women.

21 (2) LIMITATION.—The Administrator of the
22 General Services Administration may not use the au-
23 thority under this section until 90 days after the
24 date of submission of the plan required under sub-
25 section (c).

1 (b) EXCEPTION.—The requirements of any regula-
2 tion issued pursuant to section 865(b)(2) of the National
3 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public
4 Law 110–417) shall not apply to an indefinite delivery,
5 indefinite quantity contract entered into under this section.

6 (c) PLAN.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Ad-
9 ministrator of the General Services Administration
10 and the Administrator of the Small Business Admin-
11 istration shall jointly develop an implementation
12 plan to establish and administer an indefinite deliv-
13 ery, indefinite quantity contract described in sub-
14 section (a).

15 (2) ELEMENTS.—The plan shall include the fol-
16 lowing:

17 (A) A detailed description of the steps nec-
18 essary to establish and administer the indefinite
19 delivery, indefinite quantity contract described
20 in subsection (a).

21 (B) A description of the purpose and scope
22 of such contract and the types of goods and
23 services to be acquired under such contract, in-
24 cluding—

1 (i) the process for determining which
2 offerors may be included in such contract;
3 and

4 (ii) a review of available ways to
5 structure and issue orders under such con-
6 tract and how each way would provide the
7 maximum benefit to small business con-
8 cerns owned and controlled by women.

9 (C) The timelines necessary for the estab-
10 lishment of such contract.

11 (D) The methods of soliciting and obtain-
12 ing feedback on the structure of such contract
13 from interested persons, including small busi-
14 ness concerns owned and controlled by women
15 and interested persons representing small busi-
16 ness concerns owned and controlled by women.

17 (E) The cost associated with managing
18 and operating such contract, and any fees,
19 working capital funds, or appropriations that
20 are necessary for the establishment and admin-
21 istration of such contract.

22 (F) The plans and strategies to maximize
23 participation of small business concerns owned
24 and controlled by women in such contract.

1 (G) The methods to measure the perform-
2 ance, management, and outcomes associated
3 with such contract.

4 (H) Any statutory or regulatory authorities
5 necessary to encourage additional Federal agen-
6 cy participation in such contract and methods
7 to obtain such authorities.

8 (I) Any proposals or recommendations to
9 ensure maximum participation in Federal con-
10 tracting opportunities for small business con-
11 cerns owned and controlled by women that are
12 not included in such contract.

13 (J) The steps the Administrator of the
14 Small Business Administration should take to
15 encourage use of such contract by Federal
16 agencies, including marketing strategies and
17 training for appropriate acquisition personnel of
18 such agencies.

19 (K) Proposals to change current laws,
20 strategies, business practices, policies, guidance,
21 and regulations to provide the Administrator of
22 the General Services Administration with the
23 authorities to carry out the implementation
24 plan.

1 (L) Any additional relevant information, as
2 determined by the Administrator of the General
3 Services Administration or the Administrator of
4 the Small Business Administration.

5 (d) INDEFINITE DELIVERY, INDEFINITE QUANTITY
6 CONTRACT DEFINED.—In this section, the term “indefi-
7 nite delivery, indefinite quantity contract” means a con-
8 tract with 2 or more sources pursuant to the same solicita-
9 tion that is entered into by one or more heads of a Federal
10 agency.

11 **SEC. 4. EXCLUSION OF SELF-CERTIFIED SMALL BUSINESS**
12 **CONCERNS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY**
13 **WOMEN FROM GOALS.**

14 (a) EXCLUSION OF SELF-CERTIFIED WOSBs FROM
15 GOVERNMENTWIDE AND AGENCY GOALS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 15(g) of the Small
17 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(g)) is amended by add-
18 ing at the end the following new paragraph:

19 “(4) EXCLUSION OF SELF-CERTIFIED WOSBS
20 FROM GOALS.—Only small business concerns owned
21 and controlled by women that have been certified
22 under section 8(m)(2)(E) shall be included in calcu-
23 lating the goals established—

24 “(A) under paragraph (1)(A)(v); and

1 “(B) by the head of a Federal agency for
2 small business concerns owned and controlled
3 by women under paragraph (2).”.

4 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
5 by paragraph (1) shall take effect on the first day
6 after the end of the second fiscal year beginning
7 after the Administrator issues the rules required
8 under subsection (b)(2).

9 (b) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO SELF-CERTIFIED
10 WOSBS.—

11 (1) INCLUSION OF CERTAIN SELF-CERTIFIED
12 WOSBS IN GOALS.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
14 other provision of law, a small business concern
15 described in subparagraph (B) shall be deemed
16 to have been certified by the Administrator or
17 a national certifying entity approved by the Ad-
18 ministrator under section 8(m) of the Small
19 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(m)) as a small
20 business concern owned and controlled by
21 women under paragraph (2)(E) of such section
22 8(m) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)(2)(E)) for the pur-
23 poses of calculating the goals described in para-
24 graph (4) of section 15(g) of such Act (as
25 added by subsection (a) of this Act) until the

1 Administrator or such a national certifying en-
2 tity make a determination with respect to the
3 certification of such concern under section 8(m)
4 of such Act.

5 (B) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS DE-
6 SCRIBED.—A small business concern described
7 in this subparagraph is a small business con-
8 cern—

9 (i) that is self-certified as a small
10 business concern owned and controlled by
11 women on or before the date on which the
12 amendments made by subsection (a) take
13 effect;

14 (ii) that files a certification applica-
15 tion with the Administrator or a national
16 certifying entity approved by the Adminis-
17 trator under section 8(m) of the Small
18 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(m)) prior to
19 such date; and

20 (iii) for which the Administrator or
21 such a national certifying entity does not
22 make a determination prior to such date
23 regarding certification pursuant to such
24 certification application.

1 (2) RULEMAKING.—Not later than one year
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Ad-
3 ministrator shall issue rules to carry out this section.
4 The Administrator shall notify the Law Revision
5 Counsel of the House of Representatives of such
6 issuance so that the Law Revision Counsel may exe-
7 cute the amendment made by subsection (a) in ac-
8 cordance with such subsection.

9 (c) QUARTERLY BRIEFINGS REQUIRED.—Not later
10 than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this sec-
11 tion and on a quarterly basis thereafter until the date
12 specified in subsection (b), the Administrator shall provide
13 to the Committee on Small Business of the House of Rep-
14 resentatives and the Committee Small Business and En-
15 trepreneurship of the Senate a briefing on the implemen-
16 tation of the requirements of this section. Such briefings
17 shall include—

18 (1) the total number of small business concerns
19 expected to seek certification as a small business
20 concern owned and controlled by women;

21 (2) the number of applications for certification
22 pending with the Administrator or a national certi-
23 fying entity approved by the Administrator under
24 section 8(m) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
25 637(m)) during the period covered by the briefing;

1 (3) the total number of applications approved
2 by the Administrator or such a national certifying
3 entity since the date of the enactment of this sec-
4 tion;

5 (4) the timelines associated with processing
6 such applications by the Administrator or such a na-
7 tional certifying entity between submission and ap-
8 proval;

9 (5) the administrative costs to the Administra-
10 tion to make determinations on such applications
11 and the estimated cost to such applicant to seek cer-
12 tification from a national certifying entity;

13 (6) a discussion of the Administrator's current
14 and future outreach efforts to small business con-
15 cerns owned and controlled by women and to Fed-
16 eral agencies on the requirements of this section;
17 and

18 (7) recommendations for additional legislative
19 authority or resources required to fully implement
20 the requirements of this section.

21 **SEC. 5. INCREASE TO GOVERNMENTWIDE GOAL FOR PAR-**
22 **TICIPATION IN FEDERAL CONTRACTS BY**
23 **CERTAIN SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS.**

24 (a) GOALS FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED
25 AND CONTROLLED BY WOMEN.—Section 15(g)(1)(A)(v)

1 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(g)(1)(A)(v)) is
2 amended by striking “5 percent” and inserting “7 per-
3 cent”.

4 (b) CONFORMING ADJUSTMENT.—Section
5 15(g)(1)(A)(i) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
6 644(g)(1)(A)(i)) is amended by striking “23 percent” and
7 inserting “25 percent”.

8 **SEC. 6. TRAINING ON INCREASING CONTRACT AWARDS TO**
9 **SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND**
10 **CONTROLLED BY WOMEN.**

11 Section 8(m) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
12 637(m)) is amended by adding at the end the following
13 new paragraph:

14 “(9) TRAINING ON INCREASING CONTRACT
15 AWARDS TO SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED
16 AND CONTROLLED BY WOMEN.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator
18 shall provide training to acquisition personnel
19 at each Federal agency that has not met the
20 goal established under section 15(g)(1)(A)(v) on
21 how to increase the number of contracts award-
22 ed to small business concerns owned and con-
23 trolled by women.

24 “(B) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days
25 after the date of the enactment of this para-

1 graph, the Administrator shall issue guidance
2 and best practices on increasing the number of
3 contracts awarded to small businesses owned
4 and controlled by women to Federal agencies to
5 which such goal applies. Such guidance shall in-
6 clude—

7 “(i) the list of industries identified
8 under paragraph (4) and any changes to
9 such list;

10 “(ii) the procedures to follow when
11 using or deciding to use the authority
12 under paragraph (2), (7), or (8);

13 “(iii) best practices to identify re-
14 quirements for which the authority under
15 paragraph (2), (7), or (8) may be used;

16 “(iv) best practices in market research
17 to identify small businesses owned and
18 controlled by women included on the list
19 described in clause (i);

20 “(v) effective procurement methods to
21 maximize use of the authority under this
22 paragraph; and

23 “(vi) other relevant information, as
24 determined by the Administrator.”

1 **SEC. 7. REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.**

2 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
3 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall provide
4 to the appropriate congressional committees and the
5 Armed Services Committees of the House of Representa-
6 tives and the Senate a report that includes the following
7 with respect to section 8(m) of the Small Business Act
8 (15 U.S.C. 637(m)), as in effect on the day before the
9 date of the enactment of this Act:

10 (1) A summary of the training and education
11 requirements for members of the acquisition work-
12 force (as defined in section 101 of title 10, United
13 States Code) relating to the award of contracts to
14 small business concerns owned and controlled by
15 women under the authority of paragraph (2), (7), or
16 (8) of such section 8(m).

17 (2) A discussion of the training opportunities
18 made available to members of the acquisition work-
19 force by each element of the Department of Defense
20 (as described in section 111 of such title) relating
21 to the award of contracts to small business concerns
22 owned and controlled by women under the authority
23 of paragraph (2), (7), or (8) of such section 8(m).

24 (3) Of the training opportunities described in
25 paragraph (2), a description of those funded from
26 amounts in the Department of Defense Acquisition

1 Workforce Development Account (established under
2 section 1705 of title 10, United States Code).

3 (4) An analysis of the effect on the training op-
4 portunities described in paragraph (2) on the use of
5 the authority under paragraphs (2), (7), and (8) of
6 such section 8(m).

7 (5) Recommendations for changes or additions
8 to the training and education requirements described
9 in paragraph (1) and training opportunities de-
10 scribed in paragraph (2) that would increase the
11 number of contracts awarded to small business con-
12 cerns owned and controlled by women under the au-
13 thority of paragraphs (2), (7), and (8) of such sec-
14 tion 8(m).

15 **SEC. 8. REPORT ON USE OF SOLE SOURCE AUTHORITY TO**
16 **AWARD CONTRACTS TO SMALL BUSINESS**
17 **CONCERNS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY**
18 **WOMEN.**

19 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
20 ment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to the
21 appropriate congressional committees a report on the pro-
22 cedures and requirements of each Federal agency when
23 awarding a prime contract under the authority of para-
24 graph (7) or (8) of section 8(m) of the Small Business

1 Act (15 U.S.C. 637(m)) to a small business concern owned
2 and controlled by women. Such report shall include—

3 (1) a summary of the procedures required to
4 obtain approval for solicitation and award of such
5 contracts;

6 (2) a list of each of the required approvals, and
7 the official with the authority to grant each such ap-
8 proval, for such contracts; and

9 (3) recommendations to streamline the proce-
10 dures and approval requirements that would increase
11 the use of the authority of paragraph (7) or (8) of
12 section 8(m) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
13 637(m)) to award contracts to small business con-
14 cerns owned and controlled by women.

15 **SEC. 9. WAIVER OF JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL RE-**
16 **QUIREMENTS.**

17 (a) **DEFENSE CONTRACTS.**—Section 3204(e) of title
18 10, United States Code, is amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “paragraphs
20 (3), (4), and (7),” and inserting “paragraphs (3),
21 (4), (7), and (8)”; and

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

24 “(8) **JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL NOT RE-**
25 **QUIRED FOR AWARDS TO CERTAIN SMALL BUSINESS**

1 CONCERNS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY WOMEN.—
2 The justification and approval required by para-
3 graph (1) is not required in the case of a sole source
4 contract awarded to a small business concern owned
5 and controlled by women if the proposed value of
6 such contract does not exceed the dollar threshold
7 under section 8(m)(7).”.

8 (b) OTHER CONTRACTS.—Section 3304(e)(4) of title
9 41, United States Code, is amended—

10 (1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “or” at
11 the end;

12 (2) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period
13 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
15 paragraph:

16 “(E) the procurement is a sole source contract
17 awarded to a small business concern owned and con-
18 trolled by women if the proposed value of such con-
19 tract does not exceed the dollar threshold under sec-
20 tion 8(m)(7).”.

21 **SEC. 10. ELIMINATION OF UNNECESSARY RESTRICTIONS**
22 **ON AWARDS TO SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS**
23 **OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY WOMEN.**

24 Section 8(m) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
25 637(m)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (7)(A), by striking “and the
2 contracting officer” and all that follows through “of-
3 fers”; and

4 (2) in paragraph (8)(A), by striking “and the
5 contracting officer” and all that follows through “of-
6 fers”.

7 **SEC. 11. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO AGENCY PROCURE-**
8 **MENT FORECASTS.**

9 Section 8(a)(12)(C) of the Small Business Act (15
10 U.S.C. 637(a)(12)(C)) is amended by adding at the end
11 the following new clause:

12 “(v) The individual contract opportu-
13 nities in industries identified by the Ad-
14 ministrator under subsection (m)(4) in
15 which small business concerns owned and
16 controlled by women are underrepresented
17 with respect to Federal procurement con-
18 tracting.”.

19 **SEC. 12. LIST OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND**
20 **CONTROLLED BY WOMEN THAT HAVE NOT**
21 **BEEN AWARDED A FEDERAL CONTRACT.**

22 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
23 ment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to the
24 head of each Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business
25 Utilization (established pursuant to section 15(k) of the

1 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(k)) a list of small
2 business concerns owned and controlled by women—

3 (1) that have a record of past performance; and

4 (2) that have not been awarded a contract
5 under section 8(m) of the Small Business Act (15
6 U.S.C. 637(m)).

7 **SEC. 13. BEST PRACTICES FOR INCREASING FEDERAL CON-**
8 **TRACTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL BUSI-**
9 **NESS CONCERNS OWNED AND CONTROLLED**
10 **BY WOMEN.**

11 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than one year after the
12 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall
13 convene not less than two events for the purpose of shar-
14 ing information on best practices for increasing Federal
15 contracting opportunities for small business concerns
16 owned and controlled by women.

17 (b) **REQUIREMENTS.**—At least one of the events con-
18 vened pursuant to subsection (a) shall include Administra-
19 tion officials presenting such information to interested
20 parties and at least one of such events shall include inter-
21 ested parties presenting such information to Federal con-
22 tracting officers.

1 **SEC. 14. REPORTS ON USE OF SET-ASIDE AUTHORITY TO**
2 **AWARD CONTRACTS TO SMALL BUSINESS**
3 **CONCERNS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY**
4 **WOMEN.**

5 (a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—During the covered period,
6 the Administrator of the Small Business Administration
7 shall annually submit to the appropriate congressional
8 committees, at the same time as the submission of the
9 scorecard required by section 15(y) of the Small Business
10 Act (15 U.S.C. 644(y)), a report on—

11 (1) the total number of prime contract awards
12 to small business concerns owned and controlled by
13 women made under the authority of paragraph (2)
14 of section 8(m) of such Act (15 U.S.C. 637(m)) dur-
15 ing the covered period;

16 (2) the number of such prime contracts award-
17 ed that were for goods or services previously pro-
18 vided or performed by small business concerns
19 owned and controlled by women pursuant to a con-
20 tract awarded under the authority of such paragraph
21 (2) of section 8(m); and

22 (3) the number of prime contracts awarded that
23 were for goods or services not previously provided or
24 performed by small business concerns owned and
25 controlled by women pursuant to a contract awarded

1 under the authority of such paragraph (2) of section
2 8(m).

3 (b) COVERED PERIOD DEFINED.—In this section, the
4 term “covered period” means the period beginning with
5 the first fiscal year that begins after the date of the enact-
6 ment of this Act and ending on the date that is five years
7 after that date of enactment.

8 **SEC. 15. COMPTROLLER GENERAL SURVEY OF OFFICES OF**
9 **SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS UTI-**
10 **LIZATION.**

11 (a) SURVEY REQUIRED.—Not later than one year
12 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comp-
13 troller General of the United States shall conduct a survey
14 of each Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utili-
15 zation (established pursuant to section 15(k) of the Small
16 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(k))) relating to challenges
17 to the use of contracting authorities for small business
18 concerns owned and controlled by women and rec-
19 ommendations to facilitate great use of such authorities.

20 (b) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days
21 after the date of completion of the survey required under
22 subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall submit to the
23 appropriate congressional committees a report that in-
24 cludes recommendations to increase Federal contracting

1 opportunities for small business concerns owned and con-
2 trolled by women.

3 **SEC. 16. AWARD PROGRAM FOR SMALL BUSINESS CON-**
4 **CERNS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY**
5 **WOMEN.**

6 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
7 ment of this Act, the Administrator shall establish an an-
8 nual awards program to recognize any Federal agency em-
9 ployees who have made notable contributions to the Fed-
10 eral contracting program established under section 8(m)
11 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(m)). The cri-
12 teria for such award shall include the following:

13 (1) Demonstrated success in using contracting
14 authorities under such section 8(m) in a manner in
15 which provided new or additional Federal con-
16 tracting opportunities for small business concerns
17 owned and controlled by women.

18 (2) The use of practices that resulted in suc-
19 cessfully awarding contracts to small business con-
20 cerns owned and controlled by women using the au-
21 thority under paragraph (2), (7), or (8) of such sec-
22 tion 8(m).

23 (3) Such other criteria, as determined by the
24 Administrator.

1 **SEC. 17. PARITY FOR CONTRACTING PREFERENCES FOR**
2 **SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND**
3 **CONTROLLED BY WOMEN.**

4 Section 8127 of title 38, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (h)(3)—

7 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or”;

8 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the
9 period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

10 (C) by adding at the end the following new
11 subparagraph:

12 “(C) section 8(m) of such Act (15 U.S.C.
13 637(m)).”;

14 (2) in subsection (j)—

15 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
16 by striking “Congress” and inserting “appro-
17 priate congressional committees”;

18 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and
19 (4) as paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively; and

20 (C) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
21 following new paragraphs:

22 “(3) The percentage of and total dollar amount
23 of all contracts awarded by the Department to small
24 business concerns owned and controlled by veterans
25 that are also small business concerns owned and
26 controlled by women.

1 “(4) The percentage of and total dollar amount
2 of all contracts awarded by the Department to small
3 business concerns owned and controlled by veterans
4 with service-connected disabilities that are also small
5 business concerns owned and controlled by women.”;
6 and

7 (3) in subsection (m), by adding at the end the
8 following new paragraphs:

9 “(5) The term ‘small business concern owned
10 and controlled by women’ has the meaning given the
11 term in section 3 of the Small Business Act (15
12 U.S.C. 632).

13 “(6) The term ‘appropriate congressional com-
14 mittees’ means—

15 “(A) the Committees on Small Business
16 and Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives; and

18 “(B) the Committees on Small Business
19 and Entrepreneurship and Veterans’ Affairs of
20 the Senate.”.

21 **SEC. 18. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**

22 Section 8(m) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
23 637(m)) is amended—

24 (1) in paragraph (2)(C), by striking “paragraph
25 (3)” and inserting “paragraph (4)”; and

- 1 (2) in paragraph (8), by striking “paragraph
- 2 (3)” and inserting “paragraph (4)”.

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