

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1249, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. WATERS OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 139, insert the following after line 12 and re-designate succeeding sections (and conform the table of contents) accordingly:

1 SEC. 29. USPTO PREFERENCE FOR POTENTIAL CONTRAC-
2 TORS THAT CARRY OUT CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.

3 In evaluating offers submitted in response to a solici-
4 tation for contracts, the Director shall provide a pref-
5 erence to any offeror that—

6 (1) enhances undergraduate, graduate, and doc-
7 toral programs in science, technology, engineering,
8 and math (in this section referred to as “STEM”
9 disciplines);

10 (2) makes investments, such as programming
11 and curriculum development, in STEM programs
12 within elementary and secondary schools;

13 (3) encourages employees to volunteer in Title
14 I schools in order to enhance STEM education and
15 programs;

16 (4) makes personnel available to advise and as-
17 sist faculty at such colleges and universities in the

1 performance of STEM research and disciplines crit-
2 ical to the functions of the Department of Defense;

3 (5) establishes partnerships between the offeror
4 and historically Black colleges and universities and
5 minority-serving institutions for the purpose of
6 training students in scientific disciplines;

7 (6) awards scholarships and fellowships, and es-
8 tablishes cooperative work-education programs in
9 scientific disciplines; or

10 (7) conducts recruitment activities at histori-
11 cally Black colleges and universities and other mi-
12 nority-serving institutions or offers internships or
13 apprenticeships.

