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OFFERED BY MS. CLARKE OF NEW YORK

Page 381, after line 9, insert the following:

SEC. 861. UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACTING ASSISTANCE.

(a) Short Title.—This section may be cited as the “United States Virgin Islands Small Business Contracting Assistance Act of 2018”.

(b) Definition of United States Virgin Islands Business.—Section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(ee) United States Virgin Islands Business.—In this Act, the term ‘United States Virgin Islands business’ means a small business concern that has its principal office located in the United States Virgin Islands.”.

(c) Small Business Credit for United States Virgin Islands Businesses.—Section 15 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(w) Small Business Credit for United States Virgin Islands Businesses.—
“(1) CREDIT FOR MEETING CONTRACTING GOALS.—If an agency awards a prime contract to United States Virgin Islands business during the period beginning on the date of enactment of this subsection and ending on the date that is 4 years after such date of enactment, the value of the contract shall be doubled for purposes of determining compliance with the goals for procurement contracts under subsection (g)(1)(A)(i) during such period.

“(2) REPORT.—Along with the report required under subsection (h)(1), the head of each Federal agency shall submit to the Administrator, and make publicly available on the scorecard described in section 868(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (15 U.S.C. 644 note), an analysis of the number and dollar amount of prime contracts awarded pursuant to paragraph (1) for each fiscal year of the period described in such paragraph.”.

(d) PRIORITY FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY TRANSFERS.—Section 7(j)(13)(F) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(j)(13)(F)) is amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(iii)(I) In this clause, the term ‘covered period’ means the period beginning on the date of enact-
ment of this clause and ending on the date that is
3 years after such date of enactment.

“(II) The Administrator may transfer tech-

nology or surplus property under clause (i) to a

United States Virgin Islands business during the
covered period if the such business meets the re-
quirements for such a transfer, without regard to
whether such business is a Program Participant.”.

(e) CONTRACTING INCENTIVES FOR PROTEGE FIRMS
THAT ARE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS BUSI-

NESSSES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 45(a) of the Small
Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657r(a)) is amended by
adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS BUSI-
NESSSES.—During the period beginning on the date
of enactment of this paragraph and ending on the
date that is 3 years after such date of enactment,
the Administrator shall identify potential incentives
to a covered mentor that awards a subcontract to its
covered protege, including—

“(A) positive consideration in any past per-
formance evaluation of the covered mentor;

“(B) the application of costs incurred for

providing training to such covered protege to
the subcontracting plan (as required under paragraph (4) or (5) of section 8(d)) of the covered mentor; and

“(C) such other incentives as the Administrator determines appropriate.”.

(2) DEFINITIONS.—Section 45(d) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657r(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

“(4) COVERED MENTOR.—The term ‘covered mentor’ means a mentor that enters into an agreement under this Act, or under any mentor-protege program approved under subsection (b)(1), with a covered protege.

“(5) COVERED PROTEGE.—The term ‘covered protege’ means a protege of a covered mentor that is a United States Virgin Islands business.”.

(f) ADDITIONAL MENTOR-PROTEGE RELATIONSHIPS FOR PROTEGE FIRMS THAT ARE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS BUSINESSES.—Section 45(b)(3)(A) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657r(b)(3)(A)) is amended by inserting“, except that, during the 3-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of the United States Virgin Islands Small Business Contracting Assistance Act of 2018, such restrictions shall not apply to up to 2 mentor-protege relationships if such relationships are between a
covered protege and covered mentor” after “each partici-
2 pant”.

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