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Page 381, after line 9, insert the following:

SEC. 861. PROCUREMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS.

(a) AUTHORIZATION TO FORM ASSOCIATION.—Procurement Technical Assistance Centers are authorized to form an association to pursue matters of common concern.

(b) RECOGNITION BY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—If more than half of the Procurement Technical Assistance Centers which are operating pursuant to agreements with the Department of Defense are members of such an association, the Secretary of Defense shall—

(1) recognize the existence and activities of such an association; and

(2) consult with it and develop documents—

(A) announcing the annual scope of activities pursuant to this section,

(B) requesting proposals to deliver assistance as provided in this section, and

(C) governing the general operations and administration of the Procurement Technical
Assistance Program, specifically including the development of regulations and a uniform negotiated cooperative agreement for use on an annual basis when entering into individual negotiated agreements with Procurement Technical Assistance Centers.