

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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At the end of subtitle F of title VIII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 882. ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS**
2 **PARTICIPATING IN THE SMALL BUSINESS IN-**
3 **NOVATION RESEARCH PROGRAM AND THE**
4 **SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER**
5 **PROGRAM.**

6 (a) DEFINITION OF SENIOR PROCUREMENT EXECU-
7 TIVE.—Section 9(e) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
8 638(e)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (12)(B), by striking “and” at
10 the end;

11 (2) in paragraph (13)(B), by striking the period
12 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following new
14 paragraph:

15 “(13) the term ‘senior procurement executive’
16 means an official designated under section 1702(c)
17 of title 41, United States Code, as the senior pro-

1 curement executive of a Federal agency participating
2 in a SBIR or STTR program.”.

3 (b) INCLUSION OF SENIOR PROCUREMENT EXECU-
4 TIVES IN SBIR AND STTR.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 9(b) of the Small
6 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(b)) is amended—

7 (A) in paragraph (8), by striking “and” at
8 the end;

9 (B) in paragraph (9), by striking the pe-
10 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

11 (C) by adding at the end the following new
12 paragraph:

13 “(10) to coordinate, where appropriate, with the
14 senior procurement executive of the relevant Federal
15 agency to assist small business concerns partici-
16 pating in a SBIR or STTR program with commer-
17 cializing research developed under such a program
18 before such small business concern is awarded a con-
19 tract from such Federal agency.”.

20 (2) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 9(b)(3)
21 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(b)(3)) is
22 amended by striking “and” at the end.

23 (c) MODIFICATIONS RELATING TO PROCUREMENT
24 CENTER REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHER ACQUISITION
25 PERSONNEL.—

1 (1) SBIR AMENDMENT.—Section 9(j) of the
2 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(j)) is amended
3 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

4 “(4) MODIFICATIONS RELATING TO PROCURE-
5 MENT CENTER REPRESENTATIVES.—Upon the en-
6 actment of this paragraph, the Administrator shall
7 modify the policy directives issued pursuant to this
8 subsection to require procurement center representa-
9 tives (as described in section 15(l)) to assist small
10 business concerns participating in the SBIR pro-
11 gram with researching solicitations for the award of
12 a Federal contract (particularly with the Federal
13 agency that has a funding agreement with the con-
14 cern) and to provide technical assistance to such
15 concerns to submit a bid for an award of a Federal
16 contract. The procurement center representatives
17 shall coordinate with the appropriate senior procure-
18 ment executive and the appropriate Director of the
19 Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utiliza-
20 tion established pursuant to section 15(k) for the
21 agency letting the contract.”.

22 (2) STTR AMENDMENT.—Section 9(p)(2) of
23 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(p)(2)) is
24 amended—

1 (A) in subparagraph (E)(ii), by striking
2 “and” at the end;

3 (B) in subparagraph (F), by striking the
4 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following new
6 subparagraph:

7 “(G) procedures to ensure that procure-
8 ment center representatives (as described in
9 section 15(l))—

10 “(i) assist small business concerns
11 participating in the STTR program with
12 researching applicable solicitations for the
13 award of a Federal contract (particularly
14 with the Federal agency that has a funding
15 agreement with the concern);

16 “(ii) provide technical assistance to
17 such concerns to submit a bid for an
18 award of a Federal contract; and

19 “(iii) coordinate with the appropriate
20 senior procurement executive and the ap-
21 propriate Director of the Office of Small
22 and Disadvantaged Business Utilization
23 established pursuant to section 15(k) for
24 the Federal agency letting the contract in

1 providing the assistance described in clause
2 (i).”.

3 (d) AMENDMENT TO DUTIES OF PROCUREMENT
4 CENTER REPRESENTATIVES.—Section 15(l)(2) of the
5 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(l)(2)) is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (I), by striking “and” at
7 the end;

8 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (J) as sub-
9 paragraph (L); and

10 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (I) the fol-
11 lowing new subparagraphs:

12 “(J) assist small business concerns partici-
13 pating in a SBIR or STTR program under sec-
14 tion 9 with researching applicable solicitations
15 for the award of a Federal contract to market
16 the research developed by such concern under
17 such SBIR or STTR program;

18 “(K) provide technical assistance to small
19 business concerns participating in a SBIR or
20 STTR program under section 9 to submit a bid
21 for an award of a Federal contract, including
22 coordination with the appropriate senior pro-
23 curement executive and the appropriate Direc-
24 tor of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged
25 Business Utilization established pursuant to

1 subsection (k) for the agency letting the con-
2 tract; and”.

3 (e) AMENDMENT TO THE DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR
4 OF SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS UTILIZATION
5 FOR FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Section 15(k) of the Small
6 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(k)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (19), by striking “and” at the
8 end;

9 (2) in paragraph (20), by striking the period at
10 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following new
12 paragraphs:

13 “(21) shall assist small business concerns par-
14 ticipating in a SBIR or STTR program under sec-
15 tion 9 with researching applicable solicitations for
16 the award of a Federal contract (particularly with
17 the Federal agency that has a funding agreement, as
18 defined under section 9, with the concern) to market
19 the research developed by such concern under such
20 SBIR or STTR program; and

21 “(22) shall provide technical assistance to small
22 business concerns participating in a SBIR or STTR
23 program under section 9 to submit a bid for an
24 award of a Federal contract, including coordination
25 with procurement center representatives and the ap-

- 1 appropriate senior procurement executive for the agen-
- 2 cy letting the contract.”.

