AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-19

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

SEC. 882. ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS PARTICIPATING IN THE SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH PROGRAM AND THE SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAM.

(a) DEFINITION OF SENIOR PROCUREMENT EXECUTIVE.—Section 9(e) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(e)) is amended—

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

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

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

“(13) the term ‘senior procurement executive’ means an official designated under section 1702(c) of title 41, United States Code, as the senior pro-
curement executive of a Federal agency participating
in a SBIR or STTR program.”.

(b) Inclusion of Senior Procurement Execu-
tives in SBIR and STTR.—

(1) In general.—Section 9(b) of the Small
Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(b)) is amended—

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

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

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

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

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

(e) Modifications relating to Procurement
Center Representatives and Other Acquisition
Personnel.—
(1) SBIR AMENDMENT.—Section 9(j) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(j)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(4) MODIFICATIONS RELATING TO PROCUREMENT CENTER REPRESENTATIVES.—Upon the enactment of this paragraph, the Administrator shall modify the policy directives issued pursuant to this subsection to require procurement center representatives (as described in section 15(l)) to assist small business concerns participating in the SBIR program with researching solicitations for the award of a Federal contract (particularly with the Federal agency that has a funding agreement with the concern) and to provide technical assistance to such concerns to submit a bid for an award of a Federal contract. The procurement center representatives shall coordinate with the appropriate senior procurement executive and the appropriate Director of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization established pursuant to section 15(k) for the agency letting the contract.”.

(2) STTR AMENDMENT.—Section 9(p)(2) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(p)(2)) is amended—
(A) in subparagraph (E)(ii), by striking “and” at the end;

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

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

“(G) procedures to ensure that procurement center representatives (as described in section 15(l))—

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

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

“(iii) coordinate with the appropriate senior procurement executive and the appropriate Director of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization established pursuant to section 15(k) for the Federal agency letting the contract in
providing the assistance described in clause

(i).”.

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

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

(2) by redesignating subparagraph (J) as subparagraph (L); and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (I) the following new subparagraphs:

“(J) assist small business concerns participating in a SBIR or STTR program under section 9 with researching applicable solicitations for the award of a Federal contract to market the research developed by such concern under such SBIR or STTR program;

“(K) provide technical assistance to small business concerns participating in a SBIR or STTR program under section 9 to submit a bid for an award of a Federal contract, including coordination with the appropriate senior procurement executive and the appropriate Director of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization established pursuant to
subsection (k) for the agency letting the con-
tact; and”.

(e) AMENDMENT TO THE DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR
OF SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS UTILIZATION
FOR FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Section 15(k) of the Small
Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(k)) is amended—
(1) in paragraph (19), by striking “and” at the
end;
(2) in paragraph (20), by striking the period at
the end and inserting a semicolon; and
(3) by adding at the end the following new
paragraphs:
“(21) shall assist small business concerns par-
ticipating in a SBIR or STTR program under sec-
tion 9 with researching applicable solicitations for
the award of a Federal contract (particularly with
the Federal agency that has a funding agreement, as
defined under section 9, with the concern) to market
the research developed by such concern under such
SBIR or STTR program; and
“(22) shall provide technical assistance to small
business concerns participating in a SBIR or STTR
program under section 9 to submit a bid for an
award of a Federal contract, including coordination
with procurement center representatives and the ap-
propriate senior procurement executive for the agency letting the contract.”.”