

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119-8
OFFERED BY MR. MILLS OF FLORIDA

At the end of subtitle D of title XII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 12 ____. INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT ON CONTRACTS**
2 **FOR THE VITAL TORSO PROTECTION PRO-**
3 **GRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Inspector General
6 of the Department of Defense shall provide to the Com-
7 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House
8 of Representatives a report on the Army’s contracts for
9 Lares Small Arms Protective Inserts produced for the
10 Vital Torso Protection program.

11 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-
12 section (a) shall include the following:

13 (1) A timeline of all aspects of the contract in-
14 cluding—

15 (A) the July 10, 2024, request for infor-
16 mation;

17 (B) the award announcement on March
18 14, 2025;

1 (C) the date first articles were qualified by
2 each vendor;

3 (D) the date of delivery orders; and

4 (E) the quantity of products accepted by
5 the government from each delivery order.

6 (2) A detailed review of how the Army's word-
7 ing of the Request for Information resulted in a
8 non-competitive award to two vendors.

9 (3) The analysis the Army conducted on the ef-
10 fect that these awards will have on the defense in-
11 dustrial base.

12 (4) The manner and extent to which, in the de-
13 termination of the Inspector General, the contract
14 was properly awarded in compliance with the cited
15 authority of section 1244 of the James M. Inhofe
16 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
17 2023, including—

18 (A) whether the award met the legal re-
19 quirements established in such section for the
20 use of such authorities; and

21 (B) the manner and extent to which the
22 use of such authority for such award strength-
23 ened the defense industrial base.

1 (5) A description of the analysis the Army per-
2 formed to determine both the award amount and pe-
3 riod of performance.

4 (6) A determination whether the documentation
5 of such analysis supports both the award amount
6 and the period of performance.

7 (7) The name and position of the official who
8 approved the use of the cited authority.

9 (8) A justification for—

10 (A) the prior determination that price cer-
11 tainty was a reason to use the cited authority;
12 or

13 (B) if such determination was not made,
14 nevertheless including price certainty as a rea-
15 son for invoking the cited authority in the infor-
16 mation provided to Congress during the rel-
17 evant briefing.

18 (9) Whether the Army intentionally omitted in-
19 formation with respect to the Request for Informa-
20 tion in the papers and briefings initially sent to Con-
21 gress.

22 (10) The name and position of the person or
23 persons who approved the information papers and
24 briefings to Congress.

1 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
2 shall include an unclassified summary and may include a
3 classified annex. The names and positions of the officials
4 and persons described in subsections (b)(8) and (b)(11)
5 may be redacted in any version of the report made avail-
6 able to the public but shall be provided to the Committees
7 on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
8 resentatives.

9 (d) LIMITATION ON DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.—
10 During the period beginning on the date of the enactment
11 of this Act and ending on the date of the submission of
12 the report required by subsection (a), approval for the use
13 of any of the authorities provided by section 1244 of the
14 James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for
15 Fiscal Year 2023 may only be provided by the Assistant
16 Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and
17 Technology, who may not delegate such approval authority
18 further.

