AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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OFFERED BY MR. SCHNEIDER OF ILLINOIS

Page 368, after line 24, insert the following:

(c) IMPROVEMENTS TO TECHNICAL AND BUSINESS ASSISTANCE.—Section 9(q) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(q)) is amended—

(1) in the subsection heading, by inserting “AND BUSINESS” after “TECHNICAL”;

(2) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—

(i) by striking “a vendor selected under paragraph (2)” and inserting “1 or more vendors selected under paragraph (2)(A)”;

(ii) by inserting “and business” before “assistance services”; and

(iii) by inserting “assistance with product sales, intellectual property protections, market research, market validation, and development of regulatory plans and...
manufacturing plans,’’ after ‘’technologies,’’; and

(B) in subparagraph (D), by inserting ‘’, including intellectual property protections’ before the period at the end;

(3) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking ‘‘Each agency may select a vendor to assist small business concerns to meet’’ and inserting the following:

‘‘(A) IN GENERAL.—Each agency may select 1 or more vendors from which small business concerns may obtain assistance in meeting’’; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

‘‘(B) SELECTION BY SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.—A small business concern may, by contract or otherwise, select 1 or more vendors to assist the small business concern in meeting the goals listed in paragraph (1).’’; and

(4) in paragraph (3)—

(A) by inserting ‘‘(A)’’ after ‘‘paragraph (2)’’ each place it appears;

(B) in subparagraph (A), by striking ‘‘$5,000 per year’’ each place it appears and inserting ‘‘$6,500 per year’’;
(C) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) by striking “$5,000 per year” each place it appears and inserting “$50,000 per project”; and

(ii) in clause (ii), by striking “which shall be in addition to the amount of the recipient’s award” and inserting “which may, as determined appropriate by the head of the agency, be included as part of the recipient’s award or be in addition to the amount of the recipient’s award”;  

(D) in subparagraph (C)—

(i) by inserting “or business” after “technical”;  

(ii) by striking “the vendor” and inserting “a vendor”; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following: “Business-related services aimed at improving the commercialization success of a small business concern may be obtained from an entity, such as a public or private organization or an agency of or other entity established or funded by a State that facilitates or accelerates the commercialization of technologies or assists in the cre-
ation and growth of private enterprises that are commercializing technology.”;

(E) in subparagraph (D)—

(i) by inserting “or business” after “technical” each place it appears; and

(ii) in clause (i), by striking “the vendor” and inserting “1 or more vendors”;

and

(F) by adding at the end the following:

“(E) MULTIPLE AWARD RECIPIENTS.—The Administrator shall establish a limit on the amount of technical and business assistance services that may be received or purchased under subparagraph (B) by a small business concern that has received multiple Phase II SBIR or STTR awards for a fiscal year.”. 