AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4435

OFFERED BY MS. SPEIER OF CALIFORNIA

At the appropriate place in title VIII, insert the following new section:

SEC. 8. SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY WOMEN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (m) of section 8 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(m)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

“(7) AUTHORITY FOR SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS FOR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY WOMEN.—A contracting officer may award a sole source contract under this subsection to any small business concern owned and controlled by women meeting the requirements of paragraph (2)(A) if—

“(A) such concern is determined to be a responsible contractor with respect to performance of the contract opportunity;

“(B) the anticipated award price of the contract (including options) will not exceed—
“(i) $6,500,000, in the case of a contract opportunity assigned a standard industrial code for manufacturing; or

“(ii) $4,000,000, in the case of any other contract opportunity; and

“(C) in the estimation of the contracting officer, the contract award can be made at a fair and reasonable price.

“(8) AUTHORITY FOR SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY WOMEN IN SUBSTANTIALLY UNDERREPRESENTED INDUSTRIES.—A contracting officer may award a sole source contract under this subsection to any small business concern owned and controlled by women that meets the requirements of paragraph (2)(E) and is in an industry in which small business concerns owned and controlled by women are substantially underrepresented (as determined by the Administrator) if—

“(A) such concern is determined to be a responsible contractor with respect to performance of the contract opportunity;

“(B) the anticipated award price of the contract (including options) will not exceed—
“(i) $6,500,000, in the case of a contract opportunity assigned a standard industrial code for manufacturing; or

“(ii) $4,000,000, in the case of any other contract opportunity; and

“(C) in the estimation of the contracting officer, the contract award can be made at a fair and reasonable price.”.

(b) REPORTING ON GOALS FOR SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY WOMEN.—Clause (viii) of subsection 15(h)(2)(E) of such Act is amended—

(1) in subclause (IV), by striking “and” after the semicolon;

(2) by redesignating subclause (V) as subclause (VIII); and

(3) by inserting after subclause (IV) the following new subclauses:

“(V) through sole source contracts awarded using the authority under subsection 8(m)(7);

“(VI) through sole source contracts awarded using the authority under section 8(m)(8);
“(VII) by industry for contracts described in subclause (III), (IV), (V), or (VI); and”.

(c) Deadline for Report on Substantially Underrepresented Industries Accelerated.—Paragraph (2) of section 29(o) of such Act is amended by striking “5 years after the date of enactment” and inserting “2 years after the date of enactment”.

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