

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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Page 381, after line 9, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 861. PUERTO RICO BUSINESSES.**

2 (a) DEFINITION OF PUERTO RICO BUSINESS.—Sec-
3 tion 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632) is
4 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
5 section:

6 “(e) PUERTO RICO BUSINESS.—In this Act, the
7 term ‘Puerto Rico business’ means a small business con-
8 cern that has its principal office located in the Common-
9 wealth of Puerto Rico.”

10 (b) SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT FOR PUERTO RICO
11 BUSINESSES.—Section 15 of the Small Business Act (15
12 U.S.C. 644) is amended by adding at the end the following
13 new subsection:

14 “(w) SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT FOR PUERTO RICO
15 BUSINESSES.—

16 “(1) CREDIT FOR MEETING CONTRACTING
17 GOALS.—If an agency awards a prime contract to
18 Puerto Rico business during the period beginning on
19 the date of enactment of this subsection and ending

1 on the date that is 4 years after such date of enact-
2 ment, the value of the contract shall be doubled for
3 purposes of determining compliance with the goals
4 for procurement contracts under subsection
5 (g)(1)(A)(i) during such period.

6 “(2) REPORT.—Along with the report required
7 under subsection (h)(1), the head of each Federal
8 agency shall submit to the Administrator, and make
9 publicly available on the scorecard described in sec-
10 tion 868(b) of the National Defense Authorization
11 Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (15 U.S.C. 644 note), an
12 analysis of the number and dollar amount of prime
13 contracts awarded pursuant to paragraph (1) for
14 each fiscal year of the period described in such para-
15 graph.”.

16 (c) PRIORITY FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY TRANS-
17 FERS.—Section 7(j)(13)(F) of the Small Business Act (15
18 U.S.C. 636(j)(13)(F)) is amended by adding at the end
19 the following new clause:

20 “(iii)(I) In this clause, the term ‘covered period’
21 means the period beginning on the date of enact-
22 ment of this clause and ending on the date on which
23 the Oversight Board established under section 101
24 of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and

1 Economic Stability Act (48 U.S.C. 2121) termi-
2 nates.

3 “(II) The Administrator may transfer tech-
4 nology or surplus property under clause (i) to a
5 Puerto Rico business if the Puerto Rico business
6 meets the requirements for such a transfer, without
7 regard to whether the Puerto Rico business is a Pro-
8 gram Participant.”.

9 (d) CONTRACTING INCENTIVES FOR PROTEGE FIRMS
10 THAT ARE PUERTO RICO BUSINESSES.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 45(a) of the Small
12 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657r(a)) is amended by
13 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

14 “(3) PUERTO RICO BUSINESSES.—During the
15 period beginning on the date of enactment of this
16 paragraph and ending on the date on which the
17 Oversight Board established under section 101 of
18 the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Eco-
19 nomic Stability Act (48 U.S.C. 2121) terminates,
20 the Administrator shall identify potential incentives
21 to a covered mentor that awards a subcontract to its
22 covered protege, including—

23 “(A) positive consideration in any past per-
24 formance evaluation of the covered mentor;

1 “(B) the application of costs incurred for
2 providing training to such covered protege to
3 the subcontracting plan (as required under
4 paragraph (4) or (5) of section 8(d)) of the cov-
5 ered mentor; and

6 “(C) such other incentives as the Adminis-
7 trator determines appropriate.”.

8 (2) DEFINITIONS.—Section 45(d) of the Small
9 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657r(d)) is amended by
10 adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

11 “(4) COVERED MENTOR.—The term ‘covered
12 mentor’ means a mentor that enters into an agree-
13 ment under this Act, or under any mentor-protege
14 program approved under subsection (b)(1), with a
15 covered protege.

16 “(5) COVERED PROTEGE.—The term ‘covered
17 protege’ means a protege of a covered mentor that
18 is a Puerto Rico business.”.

19 (e) ADDITIONAL MENTOR-PROTEGE RELATIONSHIPS
20 FOR PROTEGE FIRMS THAT ARE PUERTO RICO BUSI-
21 NESSES.—Section 45(b)(3)(A) of the Small Business Act
22 (15 U.S.C. 657r(b)(3)(A)) is amended by inserting “, ex-
23 cept that such restrictions shall not apply to up to 2 men-
24 tor-protege relationships if such relationships are between

1 a covered protege and covered mentor” after “each partici-
2 pant”.

