

**AMENDMENT TO TO THE RULES COMMITTEE**  
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At the end of title VIII, add the following new section:

**1 SEC. 833. PREFERENCE FOR POTENTIAL CONTRACTORS**  
**2 THAT CARRY OUT CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.**

**3** In evaluating offers submitted in response to a solicitation for contracts, the Secretary of Defense shall provide  
**4** a preference to any offeror that—

**6** (1) enhances undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs in science, technology, engineering  
**7** and math (in this section referred to as “STEM”  
**8** disciplines);  
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**10** (2) makes investments, such as programming and curriculum development, in STEM programs  
**11** within elementary and secondary schools;  
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**13** (3) encourages employees to volunteer in Title I schools in order to enhance STEM education and  
**14** programs;  
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**16** (4) makes personnel available to advise and assist faculty at such colleges and universities in the  
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1 performance of STEM research and disciplines crit-  
2 ical to the functions of the Department of Defense;

3 (5) establishes partnerships between the offeror  
4 and historically Black colleges and universities and  
5 minority institutions for the purpose of training stu-  
6 dents in scientific disciplines;

7 (6) awards scholarships and fellowships, and es-  
8 tablishes cooperative work-education programs in  
9 scientific disciplines; or

10 (7) conducts recruitment activities at histori-  
11 cally black colleges and universities and other minor-  
12 ity-serving institutions or offers internships or ap-  
13 prenticeships.

