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H. R. 8014

To require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to issue rules for cancelled covered solicitations, to amend the Small Business Act to provide assistance to small business concerns relating to certain cancelled solicitations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 16, 2024

Mr. MFUME (for himself and Mr. ALFORD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Transparency and Pre-
5 dictability in Small Business Opportunities Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION RULES FOR**
2 **CANCELLED COVERED SOLICITATIONS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
5 the Small Business Administration shall issue rules to
6 carry out the following actions:

7 (1) Disclose information about a covered solici-
8 tation that was issued and cancelled that includes
9 the following:

10 (A) A justification for the cancellation of
11 such covered solicitation.

12 (B) Available information about any plans
13 to reissue such covered solicitation and any as-
14 sociated timeframes for such reissuance.

15 (C) Available information about any plans
16 to include the requirements such covered solici-
17 tation in another contract or task order of the
18 Federal agency.

19 (2) With respect to a cancelled covered solici-
20 tation which the Federal agency does not intend to re-
21 issue, procedures for the referral of a small business
22 concern that prepared a bid for such covered solici-
23 tation to the Director of Small and Disadvantaged
24 Business Utilization (as defined in section 15(k) of
25 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(k))) of the

1 Federal agency for assistance in identifying similar
2 contracting opportunities.

3 (b) PUBLICATION.—The information required under
4 subsection (a) shall be made publicly accessible on the sin-
5 gle governmentwide point of entry described under section
6 1708 of title 41, United States Code.

7 (c) COVERED SOLICITATION DEFINED.—The term
8 “covered solicitation” means a solicitation of a Federal
9 agency for a procurement for which two or more small
10 business concerns were eligible to submit a bid.

11 **SEC. 3. DUTIES FOR DIRECTORS OF OFFICES OF SMALL**
12 **AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS UTILIZA-**
13 **TION RELATING TO CERTAIN CANCELLED SO-**
14 **LICITATIONS.**

15 Section 15(k) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
16 644(k)) is amended—

17 (1) in paragraph (21), by striking the period at
18 the end and inserting “; and”; and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following new
20 paragraph:

21 “(22) shall, when notified by a small business
22 concern that a Federal agency cancelled a solicita-
23 tion for which such concern prepared a bid and such
24 Federal agency does not intend to reissue, assist

1 such concern with identifying similar contracting op-
2 portunities.”.

3 **SEC. 4. COMPLIANCE WITH CUTGO.**

4 No additional amounts are authorized to be appro-
5 priated to carry out this Act or the amendments made
6 by this Act.

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