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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 2024

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

A BILL

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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 “Plain Language in
5 Contracting Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ACCESSIBILITY AND CLARITY IN COVERED NOTICES**
7 **FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each covered notice shall be writ-
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1 (1) in a manner that is clear, concise, and ac-
2 cessible to a small business concern; and

3 (2) in a manner consistent, to the extent prac-
4 ticable, with the Federal plain language guidelines
5 established pursuant to the Plain Writing Act of
6 2010 (5 U.S.C. 301 note).

7 (b) INCLUSION OF KEY WORDS IN COVERED NO-
8 TICES.—Each covered notice shall, to the maximum extent
9 practicable, include key words in the description of the
10 covered notice such that a small business concern seeking
11 contract opportunities using the single governmentwide
12 point of entry described under section 1708 of title 41,
13 United States Code, can easily identify and understand
14 such covered notice.

15 (c) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 90 days after the
16 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
17 the Small Business Administration shall issue rules to
18 carry out this section.

19 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) COVERED NOTICE.—The term “covered no-
21 tice” means a notice pertaining to small business
22 concerns published by a Federal agency on the sin-
23 gle Government-wide point of entry described under
24 section 1708 of title 41, United States Code.

1 (2) SMALL BUSINESS ACT DEFINITIONS.—The
2 terms “Federal agency” and “small business con-
3 cern” have the meanings given those terms, respec-
4 tively, in section 3 of the Small Business Act (15
5 U.S.C. 632).

6 **SEC. 3. COMPLIANCE WITH CUTGO.**

7 No additional amounts are authorized to be appro-
8 priated to carry out this Act or the amendments made
9 by this Act.

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