

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 789, With an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 789

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

JANUARY 28, 2025

Mr. LATIMER (for himself, Mr. ALFORD, and Mr. MFUME) 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 “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 as fol-
6 lows:

7 (1) Requiring disclosure of information about a
8 covered solicitation that was issued and cancelled
9 that includes 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 of such covered so-
17 licitation in another contract or task order of
18 the Federal agency.

19 (2) With respect to a cancelled covered solicita-
20 tion which the Federal agency does not intend to re-
21 issue, establishing procedures for the referral of a
22 small business concern (as defined under section 3
23 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632)) that
24 prepared a bid for such covered solicitation to the
25 Director of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utili-
26 zation (as defined in section 15(k) of such Act (15

1 U.S.C. 644(k))) of the Federal agency for assistance
2 in identifying similar contracting opportunities.

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

7 (c) COVERED SOLICITATION DEFINED.—In this sec-
8 tion, the term “covered solicitation” means a solicitation
9 of a Federal agency for a procurement for which two or
10 more small 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 such solici-

1 itation, assist such concern with identifying similar
2 contracting opportunities.”.

3 **SEC. 4. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.**

4 No additional funds are authorized to carry out the
5 requirements of this Act and the amendments made by
6 this Act.