

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 787
OFFERED BY M . _____

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Plain Language in
3 Contracting Act”.

4 SEC. 2. ACCESSIBILITY AND CLARITY IN COVERED NOTICES

5 FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS.

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each covered notice shall be writ-
7 ten in a manner—

8 (1) such that a small business concern can eas-
9 ily understand the intent of the covered notice; and

10 (2) that—

11 (A) is clear, concise, and well-organized;

12 and

13 (B) to the maximum extent practicable,
14 follows other best practices appropriate to the
15 subject or field of the covered notice and the in-
16 tended audience of the covered notice.

17 (b) INCLUSION OF KEY WORDS IN COVERED NO-
18 TICES.—Each covered notice shall, to the maximum extent

1 practicable, include key words in the description of the
2 covered notice such that a small business concern seeking
3 contract opportunities using the single Government-wide
4 point of entry described under section 1708 of title 41,
5 United States Code, can easily identify and understand
6 such covered notice.

7 (c) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 90 days after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
9 the Small Business Administration shall issue rules to
10 carry out this section.

11 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

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

1 **SEC. 3. COMPLIANCE WITH CUTGO.**

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

