AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 2804

OFFERED BY M__. _____

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. CODIFICATION OF THE RULE OF TWO.

Section 15(j) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(j)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(4) RULE OF TWO.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Each covered contract for goods or services that has an anticipated value greater than the simplified acquisition threshold shall be reserved for small business concerns when the contracting officer reasonably expects—

"(i) to obtain offers from two or more responsible small business concerns; and

"(ii) to award such contract at a fair market price.

"(B) COVERED CONTRACT DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the term 'covered contract' does not include a delivery order or a task order.".

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