H. R. 6368

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 13, 2018

Mr. ESPAILLAT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

2 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

3 This Act may be cited as the “Encouraging Small Business Innovators”.
SEC. 2. INCLUDING TESTING AND EVALUATION IN THE
DEFINITION OF R&D.

Section 9(e)(5) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(e)(5)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) as clauses (i), (ii), and (iii), respectively;

(2) by striking "means any activity" and inserting the following: "means—

"(A) any activity"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following: "and

"(B) any testing or evaluation in connection with such an activity;".

SEC. 3. ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION IN THE MENTOR-
PROTEGE PROGRAM.

Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(tt) ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION IN THE MENTOR-PROTEGE PROGRAM.—The Administrator shall provide an increase to the past performance rating of any small business concern that has participated in the SBIR or STTR program that serves as a mentor under section 45 to a small business concern that seeks to participate in the SBIR or STTR program.".
SEC. 4. PROMOTING THE USE OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND
OTHER INTERAGENCY CONTRACTS.

(a) PROMOTING INTERAGENCY ACQUISITIONS.—Section 865 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Author-
ization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417)
is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1)—

(A) by striking “all interagency acquisi-
tions”;

(B) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) by adding “all interagency assisted
acquisitions” before “include”; and

(ii) by adding “and” at the end;

(C) by striking subparagraph (B);

(D) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as
subparagraph (B);

(E) in subparagraph (B), as so redesign-
ated, by adding “all interagency assisted ac-
quisions” before “include”; and

(2) in subsection (d), by adding at the end the

following:

“(5) The term ‘assisted acquisition’ means a
type of interagency acquisition where a servicing
agency performs acquisition activities on a request-
ing agency’s behalf, such as awarding and admin-
istering a contract, task order, or delivery order.”.
(b) **GSA Assistance With Certain Small Business Contract Awards.**—

Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638), as amended by section 4, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

"(uu) **GSA Assistance With Certain Small Business Contract Awards.**—The Administrator of the General Services Administration may assist another agency with the process of awarding a contract to a small business concern under the SBIR or STTR program or under a small business set-aside."

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