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H. R. 2867

To amend the Small Business Act to require the Administrator to submit certain disagreements to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget for resolution, and to establish a minimum period for the solicitation of offers for a bundled contract.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2001

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. PASCRELL, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. PHELPS, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. ROSS, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. ACEVEDO-VILÁ, and Mr. WYNN) 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 “Small Business Oppor-
5 tunity Enhancement Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUBMISSION OF CERTAIN DISAGREEMENTS TO THE**
2 **DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT**
3 **AND BUDGET.**

4 Section 15(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
5 644(a)) is amended by striking the sentence beginning
6 “Whenever the Administrator and the contracting pro-
7 curement agency fail to agree,” and inserting the fol-
8 lowing: “Whenever the Administration and the contracting
9 procurement agency fail to agree, the Administrator shall
10 submit the matter to the Director of the Office of Manage-
11 ment and Budget, who shall render his decision regarding
12 the matter not later than 10 days after receiving the mat-
13 ter. The Director may not delegate his duties under the
14 preceding sentence except to a subordinate official within
15 the Office of Management and Budget appointed by the
16 President, by and with the advice and consent of the Sen-
17 ate.”.

18 **SEC. 3. MINIMUM PERIOD FOR SOLICITATION OF OFFERS**
19 **FOR A BUNDLED CONTRACT.**

20 Section 15(e) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
21 644(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following new
22 paragraph:

23 “(5) **MINIMUM SOLICITATION PERIOD.**—In the
24 case of a solicitation of offers for a bundled contract
25 that is issued by the head of an agency, small busi-
26 ness concerns shall be allowed to submit offers for

- 1 a period of not less than 60 days beginning on the
- 2 date the solicitation is issued.”.

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