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H. R. 787

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 4, 2025

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and
Entrepreneurship

AN ACT

To require plain language and the inclusion of key words
in covered notices that are clear, concise, and accessible
to small business concerns, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

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
19 practicable, include key words in the description of the
20 covered notice such that a small business concern seeking
21 contract opportunities using the single, Government-wide
22 point of entry described under section 1708 of title 41,
23 United States Code, can easily identify and understand
24 such covered notice.

25 (c) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 90 days after the
26 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of

1 the Small Business Administration shall issue rules to
2 carry out this section.

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

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

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

15 No additional funds are authorized to carry out the
16 requirements of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives June 3, 2025.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.