

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8879

AN ACT

To amend the Small Business Act to require a report on small business concern participation in a covered contracting programs, 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 “Oversight and Trans-
3 parency for Small Business Certifications Act of 2026”.

4 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN PARTICI-**
5 **PATION IN A COVERED CONTRACTING PRO-**
6 **GRAMS.**

7 Section 10(c) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
8 639(c)) is amended to read as follows:

9 “(c) CERTIFICATION REPORTS.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Along with the submission
11 to Congress of the budget of the President for each
12 fiscal year pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31,
13 United States Code, the Administrator shall submit
14 a report on small business concern participation in
15 a covered contracting program during the year cov-
16 ered by the report that includes the following:

17 “(A) The total number of unique small
18 business concerns certified for participation in a
19 covered contracting program.

20 “(B) With respect to applications of small
21 business concerns for participation in a covered
22 contracting program—

23 “(i) the total number of applications
24 for participation that have sufficient infor-
25 mation for the Administrator to issue a

certification determination, disaggregated
by—

“(I) the number of applications
certified for each covered contracting
program; and

“(II) the number of applications
for which a determination has not
been made for any covered contracting
program;

“(ii) the number of applications for
certification for two or more covered con-
tracting programs and the percentage of
total applicants that received two or more
certifications;

“(iii) the number of applications re-
ceived through the single, unified platform
established by the Administrator for re-
ceipt of certification applications; and

“(iv) the number of small business
concerns certified for participation in a
covered contracting program for which
such certification documentation is contain
in a system other than the platform de-
scribed in clause (iii), disaggregated by
covered contracting program.

1 “(C) With respect to applications of small
2 business concerns for certification as a small
3 business concern owned and controlled by serv-
4 ice-disabled veterans that have sufficient infor-
5 mation for the Administrator to issue a certifi-
6 cation determination—

7 “(i) the number of applications cer-
8 tified;

9 “(ii) the number of applications de-
10 nied; and

11 “(iii) the number of applications for
12 which a determination has not been made.

13 “(D) With respect to each application of a
14 small business concern for certification as a
15 small business concern owned and controlled by
16 service-disabled veterans, the timeframe be-
17 tween the date of submission of a completed ap-
18 plication and the issuance of a certification or
19 recertification determination, disaggregated
20 by—

21 “(i) the number, expressed as a per-
22 centage, of certification determinations
23 made within the timeframe established by
24 the Administration;

1 “(ii) the average time for a first-time
2 applicant to receive a certification deter-
3 mination; and

4 “(iii) the average time for an appli-
5 cant that is a small business concern
6 owned and controlled by service-disabled
7 veterans to receive a recertification deter-
8 mination.

9 “(E) With respect to applications of small
10 business concerns for certification as a small
11 business concern owned and controlled by
12 women that have sufficient information for the
13 Administrator to issue a certification deter-
14 mination—

15 “(i) the number of applications cer-
16 tified;

17 “(ii) of the applications described in
18 clause (i), the number certified that are eli-
19 gible for award of a sole source contract
20 under section 8(m)(7);

21 “(iii) the number of applications cer-
22 tified that were processed by a national
23 certifying entity described in section
24 8(m)(2)(E);

1 “(iv) the number of applications de-
2 nied; and

3 “(v) the number of applications for
4 which a determination has not been made.

5 “(F) Of the applications described in sub-
6 paragraph (E)(ii), the number of such applica-
7 tions that initially did not include sufficient in-
8 formation for the Administrator to issue a cer-
9 tification determination.

10 “(G) With respect to each application of a
11 small business concern for certification as a
12 small business concern owned and controlled by
13 women, the timeframe between the date of sub-
14 mission of a completed application and the
15 issuance of a certification or recertification de-
16 termination, disaggregated by—

17 “(i) the number, expressed as a per-
18 centage, of certification determinations
19 made within the timeframe established by
20 the Administration;

21 “(ii) the average time for a first-time
22 applicant to receive a certification deter-
23 mination;

24 “(iii) the average time for an appli-
25 cant that is a small business concern

1 owned and controlled by women to receive
2 a recertification determination; and

3 “(iv) the average time for an appli-
4 cant certified by a national certifying enti-
5 ty to receive a determination from the Ad-
6 ministrator, disaggregated by initial certifi-
7 cation applications and recertification ap-
8 plications.

9 “(H) With respect to applications of small
10 business concerns for certification as a qualified
11 HUBZone small business concern that have
12 sufficient information for the Administrator to
13 issue a certification determination—

14 “(i) the number of applications cer-
15 tified;

16 “(ii) the number of applications de-
17 nied; and

18 “(iii) the number of applications for
19 which a determination has not been made.

20 “(I) With respect to each application of a
21 small business concern for certification as a
22 qualified HUBZone small business concern, the
23 timeframe between the date of submission of a
24 completed application and the issuance of a cer-

tification or recertification determination,
disaggregated by—

“(i) the number, expressed as a percentage, of certification determinations made within the timeframe established by the Administration;

“(ii) the average time for a first-time applicant to receive a certification determination; and

“(iii) the average time for an applicant that is a qualified HUBZone small business concern to receive a recertification determination.

“(2) COVERED CONTRACTING PROGRAM DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘covered contracting program’ means contracting assistance provided by the Administrator under following:

“(A) Section 8(a).

“(B) Section 8(m).

“(C) Section 31.

1 “(D) Section 36.”.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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