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H. R. 7987

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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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-
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8 (1) in a manner that is clear, concise, and ac-
9 cessible to a small business concern; and

10 (2) in a manner consistent, to the extent prac-
11 ticable, with the Federal plain language guidelines
12 established pursuant to the Plain Writing Act of
13 2010 (5 U.S.C. 301 note).

14 (b) INCLUSION OF KEY WORDS IN COVERED NO-
15 TICES.—Each covered notice shall, to the maximum extent
16 practicable, include key words in the description of the
17 covered notice such that a small business concern seeking
18 contract opportunities using the single governmentwide
19 point of entry described under section 1708 of title 41,
20 United States Code, can easily identify and understand
21 such covered notice.

22 (c) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 90 days after the
23 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
24 the Small Business Administration shall issue rules to
25 carry out this section.

26 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

