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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KING-HINDS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Veterans Affairs Sub-
5 contractor Competition and Opportunity Network Act” or
6 the “VA SUBCON Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. VETERANS AFFAIRS SUBCONTRACTOR COMPETI-**
2 **TION AND OPPORTUNITY NETWORK DATA-**
3 **BASE.**

4 (a) DATABASE REQUIRED.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans
6 Affairs, acting through the Director of Small and
7 Disadvantaged Business Utilization of the Depart-
8 ment of Veterans Affairs (as established pursuant to
9 section 15(k) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
10 644(k))), shall establish and maintain a database of
11 small business concerns certified by the Small Busi-
12 ness Administration as small business concerns
13 owned and controlled by veterans.

14 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the database
15 shall be to assist the Department in meeting the
16 small business contracting goals established pursu-
17 ant to subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section
18 8127(a)(1) of title 38, United States Code (relating
19 to small business concerns owned and controlled by
20 veterans), and in implementing the review mecha-
21 nism required by section 8127(a)(4) of such title. As
22 such, the database shall enable users to distinguish
23 between—

24 (A) small business concerns owned and
25 controlled by veterans who are not veterans
26 with service-connected disabilities; and

1 (B) small business concerns owned and
2 controlled by veterans with service-connected
3 disabilities.

4 (3) EXCLUSION.—Notwithstanding paragraphs
5 (1) and (2), the Secretary, acting through the Direc-
6 tor, shall exclude from the database—

7 (A) any small business concern that is part
8 of a mentor-protégé program or joint venture;
9 and

10 (B) any small business concern that has
11 not had at least two past prime contracts for
12 which the concern received an evaluation rating
13 of “Satisfactory” or better pursuant to the
14 Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting
15 System (CPARS).

16 (b) AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary, acting through
17 the Director, shall make the database available to other-
18 than-small businesses who are offerors on Department
19 contracts (including subcontracts) at appropriate stages of
20 the acquisition process for use by such businesses in for-
21 mulating any required small business subcontracting
22 plans.

23 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
24 of the establishment of the database, the Secretary shall
25 submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Sen-

1 ate and the House of Representatives a report on the data-
2 base. The report shall include—

3 (1) a description of the extent to which the
4 database has been made available to, and used by,
5 businesses under subsection (b);

6 (2) the number of small business concerns
7 owned and controlled by veterans who, since the date
8 of the establishment of the database, have been se-
9 lected as subcontractors on Department contracts,
10 including the number of such concerns owned and
11 controlled by veterans who are not veterans with
12 service-connected disabilities and the number of such
13 concerns owned and controlled by veterans with serv-
14 ice-connected disabilities; and

15 (3) the recommendations of the Secretary for
16 increasing the utilization of the database.

17 (d) USE OF EXISTING RESOURCES.—This section
18 shall be implemented using existing personnel, systems,
19 and funds. This section does not authorize additional ap-
20 propriations or the establishment of a new program, office,
21 or organizational entity.

22 (e) SUNSET.—This section shall sunset on December
23 31, 2028.

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