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H. R. 2389

To authorize funding for the National Women’s Business Council, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 3, 1997

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

A BILL

To authorize funding for the National Women’s Business Council, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Women’s
5 Business Council Reauthorization Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 Section 409 of the Women’s Business Ownership Act
8 of 1988 (15 U.S.C. 631 note) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “1995 through 1997” and in-
10 serting “1998 through 2000”; and

1 (2) by striking “\$350,000” and inserting
2 “\$400,000”.

3 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL WOMEN’S BUSINESS COUNCIL RE-**
4 **SEARCH PROJECTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Women’s Business Owner-
6 ship Act of 1988 (15 U.S.C. 631 note) is amended by add-
7 ing at the end the following:

8 **“SEC. 410. NATIONAL WOMEN’S BUSINESS COUNCIL RE-**
9 **SEARCH PROJECTS.**

10 “(a) PROCUREMENT PROJECT.—

11 “(1) FEDERAL PROCUREMENT STUDY.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Council shall con-
13 duct a study on the award of Federal prime
14 contracts and subcontracts to women-owned
15 businesses, which study shall include—

16 “(i) an analysis of data collected by
17 Federal agencies on contract awards to
18 women-owned businesses;

19 “(ii) a determination of the degree to
20 which individual Federal agencies are in
21 compliance with the 5 percent women-
22 owned business procurement goal estab-
23 lished by section 15(g)(1) of the Small
24 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(g)(1));

1 “(iii) a determination of the types and
2 amounts of Federal contracts characteris-
3 tically awarded to women-owned busi-
4 nesses; and

5 “(iv) other relevant information relat-
6 ing to participation of women-owned busi-
7 nesses in Federal procurement.

8 “(B) SUBMISSION OF RESULTS.—Not later
9 than October 1, 1999, the Council shall submit
10 to the Committees on Small Business of the
11 House of Representatives and the Senate, and
12 to the President, the results of the study con-
13 ducted under subparagraph (A).

14 “(2) BEST PRACTICES REPORT.—Not later than
15 March 1, 2000, the Council shall submit to the
16 Committees on Small Business of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives and the Senate, and to the President, a
18 report, which shall include—

19 “(A) an analysis of the most successful
20 practices in attracting women-owned businesses
21 as prime contractors and subcontractors by—

22 “(i) Federal agencies (as supported by
23 findings from the study required under
24 subsection (a)(1)) in Federal procurement
25 awards; and

1 “(ii) the private sector; and

2 “(B) recommendations for policy changes
3 in Federal procurement practices, including an
4 increase in the Federal procurement goal for
5 women-owned businesses, in order to maximize
6 the number of women-owned businesses per-
7 forming Federal contracts.

8 “(b) SURVEY OF WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS.—

9 “(1) DEVELOPMENT.—Not later than 60 days
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
11 Council shall develop an annual survey to determine
12 issues of significance to women business owners.

13 “(2) DISSEMINATION.—For a period of 3 years,
14 the Council shall disseminate the survey to women
15 business owners throughout the Nation who are rep-
16 resentative of the diversity of women business own-
17 ers.

18 “(3) SUBMISSION OF RESULTS.—The Council
19 shall submit to the Committees on Small Business
20 of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and
21 to the President, on an annual basis, the results of
22 the surveys conducted pursuant to this subsection.

23 “(c) CONTRACTING AUTHORITY.—In carrying out
24 this section, the Council may contract with 1 or more pub-
25 lic or private entities.

1 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
3 \$200,000 for each of fiscal years 1998 through 2000.”.

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