

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1489

To amend the Small Business Act to create parity among small business contracting programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 21, 2009

Ms. SNOWE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

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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 “Small Business Con-
5 tracting Programs Parity Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act—

8 (1) the terms “Administration” and “Adminis-
9 trator” mean the Small Business Administration
10 and the Administrator thereof, respectively; and

1 (2) the terms “HUBZone small business con-
2 cern”, “small business concern”, “small business
3 concern owned and controlled by service-disabled
4 veterans”, and “small business concern owned and
5 controlled by women” have the same meanings as in
6 section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
7 632).

8 **SEC. 3. CONTRACTING IMPROVEMENTS.**

9 (a) CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES.—Section
10 31(b)(2)(B) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
11 657a(b)(2)(B)) is amended by striking “shall” and insert-
12 ing “may”.

13 (b) CONTRACTING GOALS.—Section 15(g)(1) of the
14 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(g)(1)) is amended in
15 the fourth sentence by inserting “and subcontract” after
16 “not less than 3 percent of the total value of all prime
17 contract”.

18 (c) MENTOR-PROTEGE PROGRAMS.—The Adminis-
19 trator may establish mentor-protege programs for small
20 business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled
21 veterans, small business concerns owned and controlled by
22 women, and HUBZone small business concerns modeled
23 on the mentor-protege program of the Administration for

- 1 small business concerns participating in programs under
- 2 section 8(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a)).

