S. 1363

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

July 13, 2011

Mr. Rockefeller introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental 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 "American Jobs Matter
- 5 Act of 2011".

1	SEC. 2. CONSIDERATION AND VERIFICATION OF INFORMA-
2	TION RELATING TO EFFECT ON DOMESTIC
3	EMPLOYMENT OF AWARD OF FEDERAL CON-
4	TRACTS.
5	(a) Civilian Agency Contracts.—Section 3306 of
6	title 41, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
7	end the following new subsection:
8	"(g)(1) An executive agency, in issuing a solicitation
9	for competitive proposals, shall state in the solicitation
10	that the agency may consider information (in this sub-
11	section referred to as a 'jobs impact statement') that the
12	offeror may include in its offer related to the effects on
13	employment within the United States of the contract if
14	it is awarded to the offeror.
15	"(2) The information that may be included in a jobs
16	impact statement may include the following:
17	"(A) The number of jobs expected to be created
18	in the United States, or the number of jobs retained
19	that otherwise would be lost, if the contract is
20	awarded to the offeror.
21	"(B) The number of jobs created or retained in
22	the United States by the subcontractors expected to
23	be used by the offeror in the performance of the con-
24	tract.
25	"(C) A guarantee from the offeror that jobs
26	created or retained in the United States will not be

- 1 moved outside the United States after award of the
- 2 contract.
- 3 "(3) The contracting officer may consider the infor-
- 4 mation in the jobs impact statement in the evaluation of
- 5 the offer and may request further information from the
- 6 offeror in order to verify the accuracy of any such informa-
- 7 tion submitted.
- 8 "(4) In the case of a contract awarded to an offeror
- 9 that submitted a jobs impact statement with the offer for
- 10 the contract, the executive agency shall, not later than six
- 11 months after the award of the contract and annually
- 12 thereafter for the duration of the contract or contract ex-
- 13 tension, assess the accuracy of the jobs impact statement.
- 14 "(5) The head of each executive agency shall submit
- 15 to Congress an annual report on the frequency of use with-
- 16 in the agency of jobs impact statements in the evaluation
- 17 of competitive proposals.
- 18 "(6) In any contract awarded to an offeror that sub-
- 19 mitted a jobs impact statement with its offer in response
- 20 to the solicitation for proposals for the contract, the execu-
- 21 tive agency shall track the number of jobs created or re-
- 22 tained during the performance of the contract. If the num-
- 23 ber of jobs that the agency estimates will be created (by
- 24 using the jobs impact statement) significantly exceeds the
- 25 number of jobs created or retained, then the agency may

- 1 evaluate whether the contractor should be proposed for de-
- 2 barment.".
- 3 (b) Defense Contracts.—Section 2305(a) of title
- 4 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
- 5 the following new paragraph:
- 6 "(6)(A) The head of an agency, in issuing a solicita-
- 7 tion for competitive proposals, shall state in the solicita-
- 8 tion that the agency may consider information (in this
- 9 paragraph referred to as a 'jobs impact statement') that
- 10 the offeror may include in its offer related to the effects
- 11 on employment within the United States of the contract
- 12 if it is awarded to the offeror.
- 13 "(B) The information that may be included in a jobs
- 14 impact statement may include the following:
- 15 "(i) The number of jobs expected to be created
- in the United States, or the number of jobs retained
- that otherwise would be lost, if the contract is
- awarded to the offeror.
- 19 "(ii) The number of jobs created or retained in
- the United States by the subcontractors expected to
- 21 be used by the offeror in the performance of the con-
- 22 tract.
- 23 "(iii) A guarantee from the offeror that jobs
- created or retained in the United States will not be

- 1 moved outside the United States after award of the
- 2 contract.
- 3 "(C) The contracting officer may consider the infor-
- 4 mation in the jobs impact statement in the evaluation of
- 5 the offer and may request further information from the
- 6 offeror in order to verify the accuracy of any such informa-
- 7 tion submitted.
- 8 "(D) In the case of a contract awarded to an offeror
- 9 that submitted a jobs impact statement with the offer for
- 10 the contract, the agency shall, not later than six months
- 11 after the award of the contract and annually thereafter
- 12 for the duration of the contract or contract extension, as-
- 13 sess the accuracy of the jobs impact statement.
- 14 "(E) The Secretary of Defense shall submit to Con-
- 15 gress an annual report on the frequency of use within the
- 16 Department of Defense of jobs impact statements in the
- 17 evaluation of competitive proposals.
- 18 "(F) In any contract awarded to an offeror that sub-
- 19 mitted a jobs impact statement with its offer in response
- 20 to the solicitation for proposals for the contract, the agen-
- 21 cy shall track the number of jobs created or retained dur-
- 22 ing the performance of the contract. If the number of jobs
- 23 that the agency estimates will be created (by using the
- 24 jobs impact statement) significantly exceeds the number
- 25 of jobs created or retained, then the agency may evaluate

- 1 whether the contractor should be proposed for debar-
- 2 ment.".
- 3 (c) REVISION OF FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULA-
- 4 TION.—The Federal Acquisition Regulation shall be re-
- 5 vised to implement the amendments made by this section.

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