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To amend the Small Business Act to increase caps on sole source contract awards to certain small business concerns, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VEASEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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 “Small Contractor Sta-
5 bility Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS FOR CERTAIN SMALL**
7 **BUSINESS CONCERNS.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

1 (1) the term “contracting officer” has the
2 meaning given the term in section 36(e) of the Small
3 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657f(e));

4 (2) the term “economically disadvantaged
5 women-owned small business” has the meaning
6 given the term in section 127.102 of title 13, Code
7 of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation;

8 (3) the term “HUBZone small business con-
9 cern” has the meaning given the term in section
10 31(b) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
11 657a(b));

12 (4) the term “SCORE” means the Service
13 Corps of Retired Executives program established
14 under section 8(b)(1)(B) of the Small Business Act
15 (15 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B));

16 (5) the term “small business concern owned
17 and controlled by service-disabled veterans” has the
18 meaning given the term in section 3(q) of the Small
19 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(q)); and

20 (6) the term “small business concern owned
21 and controlled by women” has the meaning given the
22 term in section 8(m) of the Small Business Act (15
23 U.S.C. 637(m)).

24 (b) TEMPORARY SOLE-SOURCE AWARD PARITY
25 AMONG CONTRACTING PROGRAMS.—Notwithstanding any

1 other provision of law or regulation, during the period be-
 2 ginning on the date of enactment of this section and end-
 3 ing on September 30, 2021, with respect to a small busi-
 4 ness concern owned and controlled by women, an economi-
 5 cally disadvantaged women-owned small business, a
 6 HUBZone small business concern, or a small business
 7 concern owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans,
 8 a contracting officer may award a sole source contract to
 9 the small business concern if the anticipated award price
 10 of the contract will not exceed the maximum permissible
 11 amount for the contract, as provided under the applicable
 12 provision of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et
 13 seq.), as amended by this subsection.

14 (c) INCREASING SOLE SOURCE CAPS.—

15 (1) QUALIFIED HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS
 16 CONCERNS.—Section 31(c)(2)(A)(ii) of the Small
 17 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657a(c)(2)(A)(ii)) is
 18 amended—

19 (A) in subclause (I), by striking
 20 “\$5,000,000” and inserting “\$10,000,000”;
 21 and

22 (B) in subclause (II), by striking
 23 “\$3,000,000” and inserting “\$8,000,000”.

24 (2) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND
 25 CONTROLLED BY SERVICE-DISABLED VETERANS.—

1 Section 36(a)(2) of the Small Business Act (15
2 U.S.C. 657f(a)(2)) is amended—

3 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
4 “\$5,000,000” and inserting “\$10,000,000”;
5 and

6 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking
7 “\$3,000,000” and inserting “\$8,000,000”.

8 (3) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND
9 CONTROLLED BY SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DIS-
10 ADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS.—Section
11 8(a)(1)(D)(i)(II) of the Small Business Act (15
12 U.S.C. 637(a)(1)(D)(i)(II)) is amended—

13 (A) by striking “\$5,000,000” and inserting
14 “\$10,000,000”; and

15 (B) by striking “\$3,000,000” and insert-
16 ing “\$8,000,000”.

17 (4) CERTAIN SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS
18 OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY WOMEN.—Section
19 8(m) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(m))
20 is amended—

21 (A) in paragraph (7)(B)—

22 (i) in clause (i), by striking
23 “\$6,500,000” and inserting
24 “\$10,000,000”; and

1 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking
2 “\$4,000,000” and inserting “\$8,000,000”;
3 and
4 (B) in paragraph (8)(B)—
5 (i) in clause (i), by striking
6 “\$6,500,000” and inserting
7 “\$10,000,000”; and
8 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking
9 “\$4,000,000” and inserting “\$8,000,000”.

10 (d) 8(a) EXTENSION.—The Administrator of the
11 Small Business Administration shall allow a participant
12 in the program established under section 8(a) of the Small
13 Business Act on the date of enactment of this section to
14 extend such participation by a period of 1 year.

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