

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 8879

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## AN ACT

To amend the Small Business Act to require a report on small business concern participation in a covered contracting programs, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Oversight and Trans-  
3 parency for Small Business Certifications Act of 2026”.

4 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN PARTICI-  
5 PATION IN A COVERED CONTRACTING PRO-  
6 GRAMS.**

7 Section 10(c) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
8 639(c)) is amended to read as follows:

9 “(c) CERTIFICATION REPORTS.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Along with the submission  
11 to Congress of the budget of the President for each  
12 fiscal year pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31,  
13 United States Code, the Administrator shall submit  
14 a report on small business concern participation in  
15 a covered contracting program during the year cov-  
16 ered by the report that includes the following:

17 “(A) The total number of unique small  
18 business concerns certified for participation in a  
19 covered contracting program.

20 “(B) With respect to applications of small  
21 business concerns for participation in a covered  
22 contracting program—

23 “(i) the total number of applications  
24 for participation that have sufficient infor-  
25 mation for the Administrator to issue a

1 certification determination, disaggregated  
2 by—

3 “(I) the number of applications  
4 certified for each covered contracting  
5 program; and

6 “(II) the number of applications  
7 for which a determination has not  
8 been made for any covered contracting  
9 program;

10 “(ii) the number of applications for  
11 certification for two or more covered con-  
12 tracting programs and the percentage of  
13 total applicants that received two or more  
14 certifications;

15 “(iii) the number of applications re-  
16 ceived through the single, unified platform  
17 established by the Administrator for re-  
18 ceipt of certification applications; and

19 “(iv) the number of small business  
20 concerns certified for participation in a  
21 covered contracting program for which  
22 such certification documentation is contain  
23 in a system other than the platform de-  
24 scribed in clause (iii), disaggregated by  
25 covered contracting program.

1           “(C) With respect to applications of small  
2 business concerns for certification as a small  
3 business concern owned and controlled by serv-  
4 ice-disabled veterans that have sufficient infor-  
5 mation for the Administrator to issue a certifi-  
6 cation determination—

7                   “(i) the number of applications cer-  
8 tified;

9                   “(ii) the number of applications de-  
10 nied; and

11                   “(iii) the number of applications for  
12 which a determination has not been made.

13           “(D) With respect to each application of a  
14 small business concern for certification as a  
15 small business concern owned and controlled by  
16 service-disabled veterans, the timeframe be-  
17 tween the date of submission of a completed ap-  
18 plication and the issuance of a certification or  
19 recertification determination, disaggregated  
20 by—

21                   “(i) the number, expressed as a per-  
22 centage, of certification determinations  
23 made within the timeframe established by  
24 the Administration;

1           “(ii) the average time for a first-time  
2           applicant to receive a certification deter-  
3           mination; and

4           “(iii) the average time for an appli-  
5           cant that is a small business concern  
6           owned and controlled by service-disabled  
7           veterans to receive a recertification deter-  
8           mination.

9           “(E) With respect to applications of small  
10          business concerns for certification as a small  
11          business concern owned and controlled by  
12          women that have sufficient information for the  
13          Administrator to issue a certification deter-  
14          mination—

15               “(i) the number of applications cer-  
16               tified;

17               “(ii) of the applications described in  
18               clause (i), the number certified that are eli-  
19               gible for award of a sole source contract  
20               under section 8(m)(7);

21               “(iii) the number of applications cer-  
22               tified that were processed by a national  
23               certifying entity described in section  
24               8(m)(2)(E);

1                   “(iv) the number of applications de-  
2                   nied; and

3                   “(v) the number of applications for  
4                   which a determination has not been made.

5                   “(F) Of the applications described in sub-  
6                   paragraph (E)(ii), the number of such applica-  
7                   tions that initially did not include sufficient in-  
8                   formation for the Administrator to issue a cer-  
9                   tification determination.

10                  “(G) With respect to each application of a  
11                  small business concern for certification as a  
12                  small business concern owned and controlled by  
13                  women, the timeframe between the date of sub-  
14                  mission of a completed application and the  
15                  issuance of a certification or recertification de-  
16                  termination, disaggregated by—

17                         “(i) the number, expressed as a per-  
18                         centage, of certification determinations  
19                         made within the timeframe established by  
20                         the Administration;

21                         “(ii) the average time for a first-time  
22                         applicant to receive a certification deter-  
23                         mination;

24                         “(iii) the average time for an appli-  
25                         cant that is a small business concern

1 owned and controlled by women to receive  
2 a recertification determination; and

3 “(iv) the average time for an appli-  
4 cant certified by a national certifying enti-  
5 ty to receive a determination from the Ad-  
6 ministrator, disaggregated by initial certifi-  
7 cation applications and recertification ap-  
8 plications.

9 “(H) With respect to applications of small  
10 business concerns for certification as a qualified  
11 HUBZone small business concern that have  
12 sufficient information for the Administrator to  
13 issue a certification determination—

14 “(i) the number of applications cer-  
15 tified;

16 “(ii) the number of applications de-  
17 nied; and

18 “(iii) the number of applications for  
19 which a determination has not been made.

20 “(I) With respect to each application of a  
21 small business concern for certification as a  
22 qualified HUBZone small business concern, the  
23 timeframe between the date of submission of a  
24 completed application and the issuance of a cer-

1           tification or recertification determination,  
2           disaggregated by—

3                   “(i) the number, expressed as a per-  
4                   centage, of certification determinations  
5                   made within the timeframe established by  
6                   the Administration;

7                   “(ii) the average time for a first-time  
8                   applicant to receive a certification deter-  
9                   mination; and

10                   “(iii) the average time for an appli-  
11                   cant that is a qualified HUBZone small  
12                   business concern to receive a recertification  
13                   determination.

14                   “(2) COVERED CONTRACTING PROGRAM DE-  
15                   FINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘covered con-  
16                   tracting program’ means contracting assistance pro-  
17                   vided by the Administrator under following:

18                           “(A) Section 8(a).

19                           “(B) Section 8(m).

20                           “(C) Section 31.

1 “(D) Section 36.”

Passed the House of Representatives June 23, 2026.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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