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H. R. 2393

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PIERLUISI (for himself, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. SCHIFF, and Ms. BORDALLO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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 “Federal Grant Solicita-
5 tions Improvement Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION.**

2 In this Act, the term “Federal agency” means an Ex-
3 ecutive agency as defined in section 105 of title 5, United
4 States Code.

5 **SEC. 3. GRANT SOLICITATION FORECAST.**

6 (a) SUBMISSION AND PUBLICATION OF GRANT SO-
7 LICITATION FORECAST.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
9 graph (2), not later than November 30 of each fiscal
10 year, the head of each Federal agency shall submit
11 to the Director of the Office of Management and
12 Budget a forecast, in accordance with subsection (b),
13 of all grant solicitations that such Federal agency
14 expects to issue for that fiscal year, organized by
15 subject area.

16 (2) EXTENSION OF DEADLINE.—If the deadline
17 in paragraph (1) is not practicable for a grant solici-
18 tation, due to a deficiency in appropriated funds, the
19 head of the Federal agency shall submit the forecast
20 for such grant solicitation to the Director not later
21 than 60 days before the deadline the agency estab-
22 lishes for submission of applications for funding
23 under that grant.

24 (3) PUBLICATION.—Not later than 30 days
25 after receipt of each forecast received pursuant to
26 this subsection, the Director shall publish the fore-

1 cast on the www.grants.gov website that is made
2 available to the public.

3 (4) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection shall
4 not take effect until after standards are issued
5 under subsection (c).

6 (b) GRANT SOLICITATION FORECAST.—For purposes
7 of subsection (a), the grant solicitation forecast shall be
8 organized by subject area, and shall include, with regard
9 to each grant solicitation, the following:

10 (1) NOTICE PUBLICATION DATE.—The expected
11 or actual scheduled dates for the issuance of the
12 grant solicitation and application, the grant applica-
13 tion submission deadline, and the deadline for any
14 Federal agency or intergovernmental review that is
15 conducted with regard to the grant awarding proc-
16 ess.

17 (2) WEBSITE LINK.—A link to the website
18 where the grant solicitation and application will be
19 made available to the public.

20 (3) AWARD AMOUNTS.—The estimated amount
21 of the average grant award, the estimated maximum
22 and minimum amounts of the grant award, if appli-
23 cable, and the estimated total number of grant
24 awards to be made.

1 (4) SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT.—Contact in-
2 formation for the Federal agency, including the
3 name, telephone number, and electronic mail address
4 of a specific person responsible for answering ques-
5 tions about the grant and the application process for
6 that grant.

7 (5) NOTIFICATION OF AWARD DECISIONS.—The
8 expected date on which notifications to applicants of
9 award decisions will be made.

10 (c) STANDARDS.—Not later than 6 months after the
11 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Of-
12 fice of Management and Budget, in consultation with the
13 Chief Financial Officers Council, shall issue standards to
14 ensure uniformity in the format and submission of grant
15 solicitation forecasts by the heads of Federal agencies in
16 carrying out this Act.

17 **SEC. 4. UPDATE OF GRANT SOLICITATION FORECAST.**

18 (a) REVISION.—The head of each Federal agency
19 shall submit to the Director of the Office of Management
20 and Budget a revised grant solicitation forecast if any of
21 the contents of the forecast submitted under section (3)(a)
22 are inaccurate, not later than 7 days after the discovery
23 of an inaccuracy.

24 (b) SOLICITATION.—The head of each Federal agency
25 shall submit to the Director of the Office of Management

1 and Budget any grant solicitation and application issued
2 by the agency on the day of issuance.

3 (c) PUBLICATION UPDATE.—The Director of the Of-
4 fice of Management and Budget shall update the
5 www.grants.gov website not later than 7 days after receiv-
6 ing a revised grant solicitation forecast under subsection
7 (a) or a grant solicitation or application under subsection
8 (b).

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