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To amend the Small Business Act with respect to assistance under section 8(a) of that Act and goals for procurement contracts, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CLARKE of New York 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 “Expanding Opportuni-
5 ties for Small Businesses Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. 8(a) ASSISTANCE.**

7 (a) DURATION OF ELIGIBILITY.—Section 7(j)(15) of
8 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(j)(15)) is amend-
9 ed—

1 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)
2 by striking “nine years” and inserting “12 years”;

3 (2) in subparagraph (A) by striking “four
4 years” and inserting “4 years”; and

5 (3) in subparagraph (B) by striking “five
6 years” and inserting “8 years”.

7 (b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR BUSINESS CON-
8 CERNS NO LONGER ELIGIBLE.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
10 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator
11 of the Small Business Administration shall establish
12 a program to provide to a covered business concern,
13 during the 2-year period following the expiration of
14 the concern’s eligibility to receive contracts under
15 section 8(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
16 637(a)), technical assistance with respect to business
17 activities.

18 (2) COVERED BUSINESS CONCERN DEFINED.—
19 In this subsection, the term “covered business con-
20 cern” means a business concern that had been, but
21 is no longer, eligible to receive contracts under sec-
22 tion 8(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
23 637(a)).

1 **SEC. 3. GOALS FOR PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS.**

2 (a) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND CON-
3 TROLLED BY SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVAN-
4 TAGED INDIVIDUALS.—Section 15(g)(1) of the Small
5 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(g)(1)) is amended by strik-
6 ing “economically disadvantaged individuals shall be es-
7 tablished at not less than 5 percent” and inserting “eco-
8 nomically disadvantaged individuals shall be established at
9 not less than 8 percent”.

10 (b) GAO STUDY AND REPORT.—

11 (1) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the
12 United States shall conduct a study on the activities
13 of the 5 most and the 5 least successful Federal
14 agencies with respect to meeting goals for procure-
15 ment contracts established under section 15(g) of
16 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(g)).

17 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
18 the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller
19 General shall submit to Congress a report on the re-
20 sults of the study conducted under paragraph (1),
21 which shall include recommendations for improving
22 the 5 Federal agencies determined to be least suc-
23 cessful for purposes of that paragraph.

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