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# H. R. 4331

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2016

Mr. HARDY (for himself and Ms. ADAMS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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 Business Easy  
5 Contract Compliance Enhancement and List Act of 2016”  
6 or the “Small Business ECCEL Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. POST-AWARD COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE FROM THE**  
2 **OFFICE OF SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED**  
3 **BUSINESS UTILIZATION.**

4 Section 15(k) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
5 644(k)(8)) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (15), (16), and  
7 (17) as paragraphs (16), (17), and (18), respec-  
8 tively; and

9 (2) by inserting after paragraph (14) the fol-  
10 lowing new paragraph:

11 “(15) shall provide assistance to a small busi-  
12 ness concern awarded a contract or subcontract  
13 under this Act or under title 10 or title 41, United  
14 States Code, with finding resources for education  
15 and training on compliance with contracting regula-  
16 tions (including the Federal Acquisition Regulation)  
17 after award of such a contract or subcontract.”.

18 **SEC. 3. POST-AWARD COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE UNDER**  
19 **THE MENTOR-PROTEGE PROGRAM OF THE**  
20 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

21 Section 831(e)(1) of the National Defense Authoriza-  
22 tion Act for Fiscal Year 1991 (Public Law 101–510; 104  
23 Stat. 1607; 10 U.S.C. 2302 note) is amended—

24 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” and  
25 the end;

1           (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period  
2           at the end and inserting “; and”; and

3           (3) by inserting at the end the following new  
4           subparagraph:

5                   “(D) the assistance the mentor firm will  
6           provide to the protege firm in understanding  
7           contract regulations of the Federal Government  
8           and the Department of Defense (including the  
9           Federal Acquisition Regulation and the Defense  
10          Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement)  
11          after award of a subcontract under this section,  
12          if applicable.”.

13 **SEC. 4. POST-AWARD COMPLIANCE RESOURCES FOR SMALL**  
14 **BUSINESS CONCERNS.**

15          Section 15 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644)  
16 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
17 section:

18          “(t) POST-AWARD COMPLIANCE RESOURCES.—The  
19 Administrator shall provide to small business development  
20 centers (as defined in section 21) and entities partici-  
21 pating in the Procurement Technical Assistance Coopera-  
22 tive Agreement Program under chapter 142 of title 10,  
23 United States Code, and shall make available on the  
24 website of the Administration, a list of resources for small  
25 business concerns seeking education and assistance on

1 compliance with contracting regulations (including the  
2 Federal Acquisition Regulation) after award of a contract  
3 or subcontract.”.

4 **SEC. 5. POST-AWARD COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE FROM PRO-**  
5 **CUREMENT CENTER REPRESENTATIVES.**

6 Section 15(l)(2) of the Small Business Act (15  
7 U.S.C. 644(l)(2)) is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating subparagraph (I) as sub-  
9 paragraph (J);

10 (2) in subparagraph (H), by striking “and” at  
11 the end; and

12 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (H) the fol-  
13 lowing new subparagraph:

14 “(I) assist small business concerns with  
15 finding resources for education and training on  
16 compliance with contracting regulations (includ-  
17 ing the Federal Acquisition Regulation) after  
18 award of a contract or subcontract; and”.

19 **SEC. 6. POST-AWARD COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE UNDER**  
20 **THE MENTOR-PROTEGE PROGRAM OF THE**  
21 **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.**

22 Section 45(b)(3) of the Small Business Act (15  
23 U.S.C. 657r(b)(3)) is amended by adding at the end the  
24 following new subparagraph:

1           “(K) The extent to which assistance with  
2           compliance with the requirements of contracting  
3           with the Federal Government after award of a  
4           contract or subcontract under this section.”.

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