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Combined 8(a) and HUBZone Priority Preference Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]

Party: Democratic • State: MA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]	R · MO		Mar 6, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 1, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Combined 8(a) and HUBZone Priority Preference Act - Amends the Small Business Act to require a Federal procurement contract awarded as a best value contract by competition to an eligible small business owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals to include an evaluation factor for a bidding participant that is also a qualified HUBZone (historically underutilized business zone) small business. Prohibits such factor from exceeding ten percent of the best value factor assigned to price as an evaluation factor.

Prohibits a procurement contract from being awarded on the basis of competition restricted to qualified HUBZone small businesses unless: (1) the contracting officer has a reasonable expectation that no less than two qualified HUBZone small businesses will submit offers; (2) the award can be made at a fair market price; (3) the contract awarded as a best value contract includes an evaluation factor for a bidding qualified HUBZone small business that is also qualified to receive small business loan assistance through the Small Business Administration (an 8(a) small business); and (4) the evaluation factor does not exceed ten percent of the best value factor assigned to price as an evaluation factor.

Provides that the price offered by an 8(a) HUBZone small business in any case in which a Federal contract is to be awarded on the basis of full and open competition under provisions of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 shall be deemed to be lower than the price offered by another offeror if the price offered by the 8(a) HUBZone small business is no more than 12 percent higher than the otherwise lowest offer. Provides a ten percent higher preference for qualified small businesses that are not HUBZone small businesses.

Sets forth citizenship requirements for HUBZone small businesses.

Increases the procurement contract award thresholds for 8(a) small businesses and qualified HUBZone small businesses.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 1, 2002:** Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Reported by Senator Kerry with amendments. With written report No. 107-294.
- **Oct 1, 2002:** Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Reported by Senator Kerry with amendments. With written report No. 107-294.
- **Oct 1, 2002:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 624.
- **Jul 24, 2002:** Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Mar 6, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 6, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1612-1613)
- **Mar 6, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.