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Small Business Federal Contractor Safeguard Act

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Sponsor

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Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Mar 17, 2003
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Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 17, 2003
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 17, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 2607	Identical bill	Jun 26, 2003: Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

Small Business Federal Contractor Safeguard Act - Amends the Small Business Act to modify contract consolidation requirements.

Replaces definitions of "bundled contracts" and "bundling of contract requirements" with definitions of "consolidated contract" and "multiple award contract."

Prohibits a Federal contracting agency from executing a procurement strategy that includes a consolidated contract valued at more than \$2 million unless such strategy: (1) identifies benefits anticipated from consolidation and alternative contracting approaches that would involve a lesser degree of consolidation; and (2) includes a determination that the consolidation is necessary and the benefits justify its use. Provides that a procurement strategy that includes a consolidation valued at more than \$5 million shall also: (1) be supported by market research demonstrating that such contract will result in cost savings, quality improvements, reduction in acquisition cycle times, or better terms and conditions; (2) include an assessment of impediments to participation by small businesses as prime contractors that result from such consolidation; (3) specify actions designed to maximize small business participation as subcontractors; and (4) not be justified by savings in administrative or personnel costs unless such savings are substantial in relation to the total cost of the procurement.

Allows a small business, if an agency head solicits offers for a consolidated contract, to submit an offer that provides for the use of a particular team of subcontractors. Requires equal evaluation of such an offer.

Actions Timeline

- **May 21, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6795-6796)
- **Mar 17, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 17, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3806-3807)
- **Mar 17, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3807-3808)