

## HR 3980

Small Business Opportunity Act of 2012

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

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### Sponsor

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business Committee	House	Reported By	Dec 21, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Commerce

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Small Business Opportunity Act of 2012 - Amends the Small Business Act to replace the position of breakout procurement representative within the Small Business Administration (SBA) with the position of procurement center representative. Requires such representatives to, among other things, review any acquisition plan with respect to a procurement requirement, and make recommendations regarding procurement method determinations and acquisition plans. Removes the requirement that such representatives review restrictions on competition, instead requiring them to review barriers to small business participation in federal contracting, as well as any bundled or consolidated solicitation or contract. Requires such representatives to: (1) have electronic access to any acquisition plan developed or in development with respect to a procurement activity, (2) be an advocate for the maximum practicable utilization of small businesses in federal contracting, and (3) be notified of and included in all applicable acquisition planning processes.

Directs the Defense Acquisition University and the Federal Acquisition Institute to each provide a course on contracting requirements under the Small Business Act.

Requires each federal department or agency having contracting authority to: (1) enumerate opportunities for participation by small businesses during all acquisition planning processes and in all acquisition plans, and (2) invite the participation of the appropriate Director of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization and procurement representative in such planning processes and provide Director and representative access to all acquisition plans in development.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 21, 2012:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Small Business. H. Rept. 112-722.
- **Dec 21, 2012:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 525.
- **Mar 7, 2012:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 7, 2012:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 8, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 8, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.