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Women's Small Business Procurement Parity Act

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Chamber: Senate

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 17, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 5584	Related bill	Sep 18, 2014: Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.
113 S 2693	Related bill	Jul 30, 2014: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5138-5142)
113 HR 4435	Related bill	Jun 5, 2014: Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 425.

Summary (as of Jun 17, 2014)

Women's Small Business Procurement Parity Act - Amends the Small Business Act to revise procurement program requirements for women-owned small businesses.

Authorizes a contracting officer to award a sole source contract under this Act to small businesses owned and controlled by women if each of the businesses is at least 51% owned by one or more women who are economically disadvantaged (and such ownership is determined without regard to any community property law), and if:

- the small business is in an industry in which it is underrepresented, as determined by the Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA);
- the contracting officer determines that it is a responsible contractor;
- the anticipated award price of the contract, including options, is not more than: (1) \$6.5 million, in the case of a contract opportunity assigned a North American Industry Classification System code for manufacturing; or (2) \$4 million, in the case of any other contract opportunity; and
- the contract award can be made at a fair and reasonable price.

Authorizes a contracting officer to award a sole source contract to a small business owned and controlled by women meeting the same criteria in an industry in which such businesses are substantially underrepresented if the small business also meets specified certification requirements.

Actions Timeline

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