

## S 2481

### Women's Small Business Procurement Parity Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. (Jun 17, 2014)

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Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Sep 10, 2014
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## Committee Activity

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

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Commerce

## 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

- Jun 17, 2014: Introduced in Senate
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