

HR 882

Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2013

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Taxation

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 16, 2013
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported By	Apr 12, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 2247	Related bill	Apr 10, 2014: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2013 - (Sec. 2) States that it is the policy of the U.S. government that no government contracts or grants should be awarded to individuals or business entities with seriously delinquent federal tax debts.

(Sec. 3) Requires the head of any executive agency that issues an invitation for bids or a request for proposals for a contract in an amount greater than the simplified acquisition threshold (i.e., \$150,000) to require each person submitting a bid or proposal to: (1) certify that such person does not have a seriously delinquent tax debt, and (2) authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to disclose information limited to describing whether such person has a seriously delinquent tax debt.

Requires the head of any executive agency: (1) in evaluating any offer received in response to an agency solicitation for bids or proposals for a contract, to consider a certification that the offeror has a seriously delinquent tax debt to be definitive proof that the offeror is not a responsible source to do business with the federal government; and (2) to initiate a suspension or debarment proceeding against an offeror or a grant applicant after receiving an offer for a contract or grant application that contains a certification that such person has a seriously delinquent tax debt, or after receiving information from the Secretary that a submitted certification is false. Allows a waiver of such debarment requirement if an agency head certifies in writing urgent and compelling circumstances significantly affecting the interests of the United States.

(Sec. 4) Requires the head of any executive agency that offers a grant in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold amount to require each grant applicant to: (1) certify that the applicant does not have a seriously delinquent tax debt, and (2) authorize the Secretary to disclose information limited to describing whether such a applicant has a seriously delinquent tax debt. Requires the agency head, in evaluating a grant application, to consider a certification that the grant applicant has a seriously delinquent tax debt to be definitive proof that the applicant is high-risk, requiring enhanced oversight.

Requires the revision of the Federal Acquisition Regulation to incorporate requirements set forth in this Act relating to responsibility determinations and debarment for offerors or grant applicants.

(Sec. 5) Defines "seriously delinquent tax debt" as an outstanding federal tax debt for which a notice of lien has been filed in public records. Exempts from such definition: (1) tax debts that are being paid in a timely manner under an approved installment agreement, and (2) debts for which a collection due process hearing has been requested or is pending.

(Sec. 6) Makes this Act applicable to contracts and grants awarded on or after 270 days after its enactment.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 16, 2013:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Apr 15, 2013:** Mr. Issa moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 15, 2013:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2001-2004)
- **Apr 15, 2013:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 882.
- **Apr 15, 2013:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Apr 15, 2013:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2011-2012)
- **Apr 15, 2013:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays (2/3 required): 407 - 0 (Roll No. 104). (text: CR H2001-2002)
- **Apr 15, 2013:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays (2/3 required): 407 - 0 (Roll No. 104). (text: CR H2001-2002)
- **Apr 15, 2013:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 12, 2013:** Reported by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H. Rept. 113-35.
- **Apr 12, 2013:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 21.
- **Mar 20, 2013:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 20, 2013:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 28, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 28, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.