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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Small Business Paper-
5 work Relief Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FACILITATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL PA-**
7 **PERWORK REQUIREMENTS.**

8 (a) REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE DIRECTOR
9 OF OMB.—Section 3504(c) of chapter 35 of title 44,
10 United States Code (commonly referred to as the “Paper-
11 work Reduction Act”), is amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “; and” and
13 inserting a semicolon;

14 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking the period and
15 inserting a semicolon; and

16 (3) by adding at the end the following new
17 paragraphs:

18 “(6) publish in the Federal Register on an an-
19 nual basis—

20 “(A) a list of the requirements applicable
21 to small-business concerns (within the meaning
22 of section 3 of the Small Business Act (15
23 U.S.C. 631 et seq.)) with respect to collection
24 of information by agencies, organized in such a
25 manner that such small-business concerns can

1 easily identify requirements with which they are
2 expected to comply (e.g., organized by North
3 American Industrial Classification System code
4 and industrial/sector description (as published
5 by the Office of Management and Budget));
6 and

7 “(B) the agency that issued each such re-
8 quirement and the website address for such
9 agency; and

10 “(7) make available on the Internet the infor-
11 mation described in paragraph (6).”.

12 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF AGENCY POINT OF CON-
13 TACT.—Section 3506 of such chapter 35 is amended by
14 adding at the end the following new subsection:

15 “(i) In addition to the requirements described in sub-
16 section (c), each agency shall, with respect to the collection
17 of information and the control of paperwork, establish one
18 point of contact in the agency to act as a liaison between
19 the agency and small-business concerns (within the mean-
20 ing of section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631
21 et seq.)).”.

22 (c) ADDITIONAL REDUCTION OF PAPERWORK FOR
23 CERTAIN SMALL BUSINESSES.—Section 3506(c) of such
24 chapter is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “; and”
2 and inserting a semicolon;

3 (2) in paragraph (3)(J), by striking the period
4 and inserting “; and”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following new
6 paragraph:

7 “(4) in addition to the requirements of this Act
8 regarding the reduction of paperwork for small-busi-
9 ness concerns (within the meaning of section 3 of
10 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.)),
11 make efforts to further reduce the paperwork burden
12 for small-business concerns with fewer than 25 em-
13 ployees.”.

14 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE REGARDING PUBLICATION OF
15 REQUIREMENTS.—The Director of the Office of Manage-
16 ment and Budget shall publish the first list of require-
17 ments required under paragraph (6) of section 3504(c) of
18 title 44, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)),
19 and make such list available on the Internet as required
20 by paragraph (7) of such section (as added by subsection
21 (a)), not later than the date that is one year after the
22 date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF TASK FORCE TO STUDY**
2 **STREAMLINING OF PAPERWORK COLLEC-**
3 **TION REQUIREMENTS AND DISSEMINATION**
4 **FOR SMALL-BUSINESS CONCERNS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 35 of title 44, United
6 States Code, is further amended by adding at the end of
7 subchapter I the following new section:

8 **“§ 3521. Establishment of task force on feasibility of**
9 **streamlining information collection re-**
10 **quirements and dissemination**

11 “(a) There is hereby established a task force (in this
12 section referred to as the ‘task force’) to study the feasi-
13 bility of streamlining requirements with respect to small-
14 business concerns regarding collection of information and
15 strengthening dissemination of information.

16 “(b) The members of the task force shall be ap-
17 pointed by the Director, and shall include the following:

18 “(1) At least two representatives of the Depart-
19 ment of Labor, including one representative of the
20 Bureau of Labor Statistics and one representative of
21 the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

22 “(2) At least one representative of the Environ-
23 mental Protection Agency.

24 “(3) At least one representative of the Depart-
25 ment of Transportation.

1 “(4) At least one representative of the Depart-
2 ment of the Treasury.

3 “(5) At least one representative of the Office of
4 Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

5 “(6) At least one representative of each of two
6 agencies other than the Department of Labor, the
7 Environmental Protection Agency, the Department
8 of Transportation, the Department of the Treasury,
9 and the Small Business Administration.

10 “(7) At least two representatives of the Depart-
11 ment of Health and Human Services, including one
12 representative of the Health Care Financing Admin-
13 istration.

14 “(c) The task force shall examine the feasibility of
15 requiring each agency to consolidate requirements regard-
16 ing collections of information with respect to small-busi-
17 ness concerns within and across agencies without nega-
18 tively impacting the effectiveness of underlying laws re-
19 garding such collections of information, in order that each
20 small-business concern may submit all information re-
21 quired by an agency—

22 “(1) to one point of contact in the agency;

23 “(2) in a single format, or using a single elec-
24 tronic reporting system, with respect to the agency;

25 and

1 “(3) on the same date.

2 “(d)(1) Not later than one year after the date of the
3 enactment of the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act,
4 the task force shall submit a report of its findings under
5 subsection (c) to—

6 “(A) the chairmen and ranking minority mem-
7 bers of the Committee on Government Reform and
8 the Committee on Small Business of the House of
9 Representatives, and the Committee on Govern-
10 mental Affairs and the Committee on Small Busi-
11 ness of the Senate; and

12 “(B) the Director of the Office of Management
13 and Budget.

14 “(2) Not later than two years after the date of the
15 enactment of such Act, the task force shall submit to the
16 individuals described in paragraph (1) a report examining
17 strengthening dissemination of information and
18 including—

19 “(A) recommendations for implementing an
20 interactive system for the requirements in section
21 3504(c)(6) that would allow small-business concerns
22 to identify information collection requirements elec-
23 tronically;

24 “(B) guidelines for each agency for developing
25 interactive reporting systems that include a compo-

1 nent that edits the information submitted by a
2 small-business concern for consistency;

3 “(C) recommendations for electronic dissemina-
4 tion of such information; and

5 “(D) recommendations, created in consultation
6 with the Chief Information Officers Council (estab-
7 lished pursuant to Executive Order 13011, issued
8 July 16, 1996), for the coordination of information
9 among the points of contact described in section
10 3506(i), so that those points of contact can provide
11 small-business concerns with information collection
12 requirements from other agencies.

13 “(e) As used in this section, the term ‘small-business
14 concern’ has the meaning given that term under section
15 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.).”.

16 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
17 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended by in-
18 serting after the item relating to section 3520 the fol-
19 lowing new item:

“3521. Establishment of task force on feasibility of streamlining information collection requirements and dissemination.”.

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2001.

Attest:

Clerk.