

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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OFFERED BY MR. FITZPATRICK OF
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At the end of title VIII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 833. CONTRACTING GOAL FOR SMALL BUSINESS CON-**
2 **CERNS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY VET-**
3 **ERANS.**

4 (a) **CONTRACTING GOAL.**—In order to increase con-
5 tracting opportunities for small business concerns owned
6 and controlled by veterans, the Secretary of Defense shall
7 establish a goal of at least 5 percent for each fiscal year
8 for participation in Department of Defense contracts (in-
9 cluding subcontracts) by small business concerns owned
10 and controlled by veterans who are not veterans with serv-
11 ice-connected disabilities. The goal established under this
12 subsection is in addition to the goals established under
13 section 15(g) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
14 644(g)).

15 (b) **METHODS FOR MEETING CONTRACTING GOAL.**—
16 For purposes of meeting the goals under subsection (a),
17 in entering into a contract with a small business concern

1 owned and controlled by veterans who are not veterans
2 with service-connected disabilities, a contracting officer of
3 the Department of Defense may use the same methods
4 and procedures to meet the goal established under sub-
5 section (a) as may be used by contracting officers to meet
6 the goals established—

7 (1) under section 15(g) of the Small Business
8 Act (15 U.S.C. 644(g)) for small business concerns,
9 small business concerns owned and controlled by
10 service-disabled veterans, qualified HUBZone small
11 business concerns, small business concerns owned
12 and controlled by socially and economically disadvan-
13 taged individuals, and small business concerns
14 owned and controlled by women; and

15 (2) under section 2323(a) of title 10, United
16 States Code.

17 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) The terms “veteran”, “service-connected”,
19 and “disability” have the meanings provided in sec-
20 tion 101 of title 38, United States Code.

21 (2) The term “small business concern” has the
22 meaning given that term under section 3 of the
23 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

24 (3) The term “small business concern owned
25 and controlled by veterans” has the meaning given

1 that term under section 3 of the Small Business Act
2 (15 U.S.C. 632).

