

115TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H.R. 2006

AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the procurement practices of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

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

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2	This Act may be cited as the "VA Procurement Effi-
3	ciency and Transparency Act".

- 4 SEC. 2. INFORMATION ON COST OR PRICE SAVINGS FROM
- 5 COMPETITION.
- 6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 81 of title 38, United
- 7 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 8128
- 8 the following new section:
- 9 "§ 8129. Information on cost or price savings from
- 10 competition
- 11 "(a) RECORDING OF INFORMATION.—With respect to
- 12 any contract awarded by the Secretary that is reported
- 13 in the Federal Procurement Data System described in sec-
- 14 tion 1122(a)(4)(A) of title 41, United States Code, or any
- 15 successor system, the Secretary shall record information
- 16 on the amount of any cost or price savings realized by
- 17 using competitive procedures in awarding such contract.
- 18 "(b) Placement of Records.—The Secretary shall
- 19 place recorded information under subsection (a) as follows:
- 20 "(1) With respect to contracts recorded in the
- 21 Electronic Contract Management System, or any
- successor system, in such system.
- 23 "(2) With respect to contracts not covered by
- paragraph (1), in a location determined appropriate
- by the Secretary.

- 1 "(c) Calculation of Cost Savings.—(1) In car-
- 2 rying out subsection (a), the Secretary shall calculate the
- 3 amount of cost or price savings realized by using competi-
- 4 tive procedures in awarding a contract by—
- 5 "(A) subtracting the total value of the selected
- 6 offer or quote from the average of the total values
- 7 of all offers or quotes evaluated; or
- 8 "(B) subtracting the total value of the selected
- 9 offer or quote from the total value of the median
- offer or quote evaluated.
- 11 "(2) If the difference calculated pursuant to para-
- 12 graph (1) is negative, the Secretary shall record such dif-
- 13 ference as zero.
- 14 "(3) The Secretary shall make calculations under
- 15 paragraph (1) with respect to a contract—
- 16 "(A) at the time at which the Secretary obli-
- gates amounts under such contract; or
- 18 "(B) if such contract contains options, at the
- time at which the option is exercised.".
- 20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
- 21 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
- 22 after the item relating to section 8128 the following new
- 23 item:

[&]quot;8129. Information on cost or price savings from competition.".

1 SEC. 3. USE OF STANDARDIZED PROCUREMENT TEM-

- PLATES.
- 3 To the extent practicable, the Secretary of Veterans
- 4 Affairs shall make available and use on a Department-
- 5 wide basis the standardized procurement templates used
- 6 by the Central Office of the Department, the Veterans
- 7 Health Administration, the Veterans Benefits Administra-
- 8 tion, and the National Cemetery Administration. In car-
- 9 rying out this section, the Secretary may customize such
- 10 templates to address particular procurement situations.

Passed the House of Representatives July 24, 2017. Attest:

Clerk.

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