

**Bill Text**  
**113th Congress (2013-2014)**  
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**SEC. 825. SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY WOMEN.**

*(a) Authority for Sole Source Contracts for Certain Small Business Concerns Owned and Controlled by Women- Subsection (m) of section 8 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(m)) is amended--*

*(1) by amending paragraph (2)(E) to read as follows:*

*(E) each of the concerns is certified by a Federal agency, a State government, the Administrator, or a national certifying entity approved by the Administrator as a small business concern owned and controlled by women.';*

*(2) in paragraph (5), by striking paragraph (2)(F)' each place such term appears and inserting paragraph (2)(E)'; and*

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

*(7) AUTHORITY FOR SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS FOR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY WOMEN- A contracting officer may award a sole source contract under this subsection to any small business concern owned and controlled by women described in paragraph (2)(A) and certified under paragraph (2)(E) if--*

*(A) such concern is determined to be a responsible contractor with respect to performance of the contract opportunity and the contracting officer does not have a reasonable expectation that 2 or more businesses described in paragraph (2)(A) will submit offers;*

*(B) the anticipated award price of the contract (including options) will not exceed--*

*(i) \$6,500,000, in the case of a contract opportunity assigned a standard industrial classification code for manufacturing; or*

*(ii) \$4,000,000, in the case of any other contract opportunity; and*

*(C) in the estimation of the contracting officer, the contract award can be made at a fair and reasonable price.*

*(8) AUTHORITY FOR SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY WOMEN IN SUBSTANTIALLY UNDERREPRESENTED INDUSTRIES- A contracting officer may award a sole source contract under this subsection to any small business concern owned and controlled by women certified under paragraph (2)(E) that is in an industry in which small business concerns owned and controlled by women are substantially underrepresented (as determined by the Administrator under paragraph (3)) if--*

*(A) such concern is determined to be a responsible contractor with respect to performance of the contract opportunity and the contracting officer does not have a reasonable expectation that 2 or more businesses in an industry that has received a waiver under paragraph (3) will submit offers;*

*(B) the anticipated award price of the contract (including options) will not exceed--*

*(i) \$6,500,000, in the case of a contract opportunity assigned a standard industrial classification code for manufacturing; or*

*(ii) \$4,000,000, in the case of any other contract opportunity; and*

*(C) in the estimation of the contracting officer, the contract award can be made at a fair and reasonable price.'.*

*(b) Reporting on Goals for Sole Source Contracts for Small Business Concerns Owned and Controlled by Women- Clause (viii) of subsection 15(h)(2)(E) of such Act is amended--*

*(1) in subclause (IV), by striking and' after the semicolon;*

*(2) by redesignating subclause (V) as subclause (VIII); and*

*(3) by inserting after subclause (IV) the following new subclauses:*

*(V) through sole source contracts awarded using the authority under subsection 8(m)(7);*

*(VI) through sole source contracts awarded using the authority under section 8(m)(8);*

*(VII) by industry for contracts described in subclause (III), (IV), (V), or (VI); and'.*

*(c) Accelerated Deadline for Report on Industries Underrepresented by Small Business Concerns Owned and Controlled by Women- Paragraph (2) of section 29(o) of such Act is amended by striking 5 years after the date of enactment' and inserting 3 years after the date of enactment'.*