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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4341
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Page 26, insert after line 4 the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

1 **SEC. 205. RESPONSIBILITIES OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY**
2 **SPECIALISTS.**

3 Section 4(g) of the Small Business Act (as added by
4 section 865 of the National Defense Authorization Act for
5 Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92)) is amended—

6 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking “CER-
7 TIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR”;

8 (2) in paragraph (2), by redesignating subparagraphs
9 (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively
10 (and conforming the margins accordingly);

11 (3) by amending clause (ii) (as so redesignated)
12 to read as follows:

13 “(B) APPLICATION.—The requirements of
14 clause (i) shall be included in any initial job
15 posting for the position of a Business Oppor-
16 tunity Specialist and shall apply to any person
17 appointed as a Business Opportunity Specialist
18 after January 3, 2013.”;

1 (4) in clause (i) (as so redesignated), by strik-
2 ing “paragraph (1)” and inserting “subparagraph
3 (A)”

4 (5) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as
5 subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively (and con-
6 forming the margins accordingly);

7 (6) in subparagraph (A) (as so redesignated),
8 by striking “paragraph (2)” and inserting “subpara-
9 graph (B)”; and

10 (7) by inserting before subparagraph (A) (as so
11 redesignated) the following:

12 “(1) DUTIES.—The exclusive duties of a Busi-
13 ness Opportunity Specialist employed by the Admin-
14 istrator and reporting to the senior official appointed
15 by the Administrator with responsibilities under sec-
16 tions 8, 15, 31, and 36 (or the designee of such offi-
17 cial) shall be to implement sections 7, 8, and 45 and
18 to complete other duties related to contracting pro-
19 grams under this Act. Such duties shall include—

20 “(A) with respect to small business con-
21 cerns eligible to receive contracts and sub-
22 contracts pursuant to section 8(a)—

23 “(i) providing guidance, counseling,
24 and referrals for assistance with technical,
25 management, financial, or other matters

1 that will improve the competitive viability
2 of such concerns;

3 “(ii) identifying causes of success or
4 failure of such concerns;

5 “(iii) providing comprehensive assess-
6 ments of such concerns, including identi-
7 fying the strengths and weaknesses of such
8 concerns;

9 “(iv) monitoring and documenting
10 compliance with the requirements of sec-
11 tions 7 and 8 and any regulations imple-
12 menting those sections;

13 “(v) explaining the requirements of
14 sections 7, 8, 15, 31, 36 and 45; and

15 “(vi) advising on compliance with con-
16 tracting regulations (including the Federal
17 Acquisition Regulation) after award of
18 such a contract or subcontract;

19 “(B) reviewing and monitoring compliance
20 with mentor-protege agreements under section
21 45;

22 “(C) representing the interests of the Ad-
23 ministrator and small business concerns in the
24 award, modification, and administration of con-

1 tracts and subcontracts awarded pursuant to
2 section 8(a); and

3 “(D) reporting fraud or abuse under sec-
4 tion 7, 8, 15, 31, 36 or 45 or any regulations
5 implementing such sections.

6 “(2) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—”.

