

SEC. 1312. LEADERSHIP AND OVERSIGHT.

(c) REPORT.—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report regarding the procurement center representative program of the Administration.

(2) **CONTENTS.**—The report submitted under paragraph (1) shall—(A) address ways to improve the effectiveness of the procurement center representative program in helping small business concerns obtain Federal contracts; (B) evaluate the effectiveness of procurement center representatives and commercial marketing representatives; and (C) include recommendations, if any, on how to improve the procurement center representative program.

SEC. 1345. STUDY AND REPORT ON THE MENTOR-PROTÉGÉ PROGRAM.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study of the mentor-protégé program of the Administration for small business concerns participating in programs under section 8(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a)), and other relationships and strategic alliances pairing a larger business and small business concern partner to gain access to Federal Government contracts, to determine whether the programs and relationships are effectively supporting the goal of increasing the participation of small business concerns in Government contracting.

(b) **MATTERS TO BE STUDIED.**—The study conducted under this section shall include—(1) a review of a broad cross-section of industries; and (2) an evaluation of—(A) how each Federal agency carrying out a program described in subsection (a) administers and monitors the program; (B) whether there are systems in place to ensure that the mentor-protégé relationship, or similar affiliation, promotes real gain to the protégé, and is not just a mechanism to enable participants that would not otherwise qualify under section 8(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a)) to receive contracts under that section; and (C) the degree to which protégé businesses become able to compete for Federal contracts without the assistance of a mentor.

(c) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate and the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives a report on the results of the study conducted under this section.