

Put Our Neighbors to Work Act of 2020

- **Section 2: Increase Transparency and Competition**

- Directs the Department of Defense (DOD) to publicly post all Milcon contracts once awarded in the Federal Register, identifying who got the contract, the total dollar amount for the work, the base, and other relevant information. All of this is already public information and subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The purpose of requiring it to be posted online in the Federal Register is to increase public transparency over Milcon contracts (good government) and help make other contractors aware that these business opportunities exist with the DOD.

- **Section 3: Incentivizing use of local firms and increasing Congressional oversight**

- Requires major general contractors (so-called “primes”) for military construction projects to publicly post all their available subcontracting work of \$250,000 or more on the websites of the Small Business Administration/General Services Administration, so that more small businesses can be aware of these business opportunities. Small business and local subcontractors near military installations cannot bid on subcontracting work they do not know exists, so this provision aims to fix that.
- To further increase transparency, the Secretary of Defense will be required to notify members of Congress from the state where a military construction contract over \$2M was awarded. This is the same dollar threshold that triggers a Congressional notification requirement for “unspecified minor military construction projects” under current law, so this bill is expanding upon that precedent.
- The Secretary of Defense will give preference to those firms that are within the same state or within a 60-mile radius of where the work will be completed. Furthermore, this preference will go to primes who can certify that at least 51% of the total number of employees hired to perform the contract (including any employees hired by a subcontractor) fit this “local” definition
- Increases HASC and HAC-D oversight ability on military construction through monthly re-starting Military Construction Reports that includes: each covered MilCon contract, location, who the prime and subcontractors are, and the estimated value of each contract.
 - Classified projects are exempted.

- **Section 4: For Small Businesses**

- Prime Contractors will be incentivized to use small businesses as subcontractors that are in the same state or within a 60-mile radius of the contract location. Furthermore, this preference will go to primes who can certify that at least 51% of the total number of employees hired to perform the contract (including any employees hired by a subcontractor) fit this “local” definition.