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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3867, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON-LEE OF TEXAS

Title VI, add at the end the following (and amend the table of contents accordingly):

SEC. ___. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON SERVICES IN ADVANCE OF AN ACT OF TERRORISM, NATURAL DISASTER, OR OTHER EMERGENCY.

It is the sense of Congress that the Administrator of the Small Business Administration should—

(1) encourage the components of the Administration, as well as appropriate State and local government agencies, to competitively bid and negotiate contracts and prices for services, including debris clearance, distribution of supplies, reconstruction and other assistance, in advance of an act of terrorism, natural disaster, or other emergency; and

(2) work toward a goal of awarding to qualified firms located in a county, parish, or other unit of local government within the affected area, but only to the extent that the goal does not interfere with the ability of the Administrator to provide timely and effective assistance.