

**29. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
WATERS OF CALIFORNIA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES**

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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. WATERS OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of title VIII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 845. PREFERENCE FOR POTENTIAL CONTRACTORS**
2 **THAT CARRY OUT CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.**

3 In evaluating offers submitted in response to a solicitation for contracts, the Secretary of Defense shall provide
4 a preference to any offeror that—

5 (1) enhances undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs in science, technology, engineering and math (in this section referred to as “STEM” disciplines);

6 (2) makes investments, such as programming and curriculum development, in STEM programs within elementary and secondary schools;

7 (3) encourages employees to volunteer in Title I schools in order to enhance STEM education and programs;

8 (4) makes personnel available to advise and assist faculty at such colleges and universities in the performance of STEM research and disciplines critical to the functions of the Department of Defense;

1 (5) establishes partnerships between the offeror
2 and historically Black colleges and universities and
3 minority institutions for the purpose of training stu-
4 dents in scientific disciplines;

5 (6) awards scholarships and fellowships, and es-
6 tablishes cooperative work-education programs in
7 scientific disciplines; or

8 (7) conducts recruitment activities at histori-
9 cally black colleges and universities and other minor-
10 ity-serving institutions or offers internships or ap-
11 prenticeships.

