

113TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 1480

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 10, 2013

Ms. SHEA-PORTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Buy America Account-  
5 ability Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUDIT OF CONTRACTS REQUIRED.**

2 Section 8302 of title 41, United States Code, is  
3 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
4 section:

5 “(c) AUDIT OF CONTRACTS REQUIRED.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days  
7 after the end of a fiscal year, the head of each de-  
8 partment or independent establishment shall submit  
9 to Congress a report that contains an evaluation  
10 performed by such department or independent estab-  
11 lishment of contractor compliance with the provi-  
12 sions of this chapter for at least 10 percent of the  
13 contracts awarded by the department or independent  
14 establishment during that fiscal year for the pro-  
15 curement of articles, materials, or supplies.

16 “(2) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The head of each  
17 Federal agency submitting a report under paragraph  
18 (1) shall make the report publicly available to the  
19 maximum extent practicable.

20 “(3) EXCEPTION FOR THE INTELLIGENCE COM-  
21 MUNITY.—The report required under this subsection  
22 shall not cover acquisitions made by an agency, or  
23 component thereof, that is an element of the intel-  
24 ligence community as specified in, or designated

1       under, section 3(4) of the National Security Act of  
2       1947 (50 U.S.C. 401a(4)).”.

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