

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1425
OFFERED BY MR. LUJÁN OF NEW MEXICO

At the end of the bill, add the following new section:

1 SEC. 504. PROGRAM DIVERSIFICATION.

2 Federal agencies shall encourage applications under
3 the SBIR and STTR programs (to the extent that the
4 projects relate to the mission of the Federal agency)
5 from—

6 (1) small business concerns in geographic areas
7 underrepresented in the SBIR and STTR programs
8 or located in rural areas (as defined in section
9 1393(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986);

10 (2) small business concerns owned and con-
11 trolled by women;

12 (3) small business concerns owned and con-
13 trolled by veterans;

14 (4) small business concerns owned and con-
15 trolled by minorities; and

16 (5) small business concerns located in a geo-
17 graphic area with an unemployment rate that ex-
18 ceeds the national unemployment rate, based on the
19 most recently available monthly publications of the

- 1 Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of
- 2 Labor.

