



Construction Industry Round Table

Legislative News

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7/19/10 – Contracting Opportunities in Jeopardy

CIRT joined a coalition of design and construction organizations that are seeking changes to the fast moving small business tax bill (H.R. 5297: the *Small Business Jobs Act of 2010*), which the Senate is ready to take-up during the week of July 19th. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) said July 15 he had reached an agreement with Republicans on amendments to be offered on the bill – one such amendment is being sort by the design/construction community that would strip out Title I, Subtitle C—“Small Business Contracting” which includes a number of procurement rule changes – including repeal of the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program that did away with the infamous “rule of two” and better allocated small business contract opportunities in the A/E/C community – without excluding larger firms. If you have an interest in federal contracting, urge your Senators [especially Snowe (R-ME)] to remove Title I, Subtitle C, before moving the bill forward. [\[See short letter to Senate on subject by coalition members\]](#).