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## Fact Sheet

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# H.R. 3275, Clean Contracting in Iraq Act

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On October 8, Rep. Carolyn Maloney and Rep. Henry Waxman introduced the Clean Contracting in Iraq Act to prevent a continuation of contracting abuses relating to the reconstruction of Iraq. This fact sheet provides a summary of the bill's major provisions.

### Transparency

The legislation mandates that, within fourteen days of request, the Administration must provide unredacted copies of invoices and other documents that pertain to Iraq contracts to Congress' oversight and appropriations committees.<sup>†</sup>

### Competition

The bill prohibits sole source contracts unless the Director of OMB approved a waiver under existing law. Large umbrella contracts, like those used for construction projects in Iraq, would be required to be awarded to at least two firms, to ensure at least some competition on individual projects.

### Iraqi Involvement

The legislation requires that each contracting agency develop a plan to minimize costs to the U.S. taxpayer by using Iraqi contractors and subcontractors, and would permit the contracting agencies to use Iraqi companies if they were less expensive.<sup>†</sup>

### Accountability

This bill makes clear that the Coalition Provisional Authority must comply with federal procurement law, the Freedom of Information Act, and financial management statutes.<sup>†</sup>

<sup>†</sup> Similar provision included in Obey substitute to the Supplemental Appropriations for Iraq.