

**SEC. 834. REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT STUDY ON CONTRACT BUNDLING.**

(a) **IN GENERAL-** The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a comprehensive study on the practice known as `contract bundling' by the Department of Defense, and the effects of such practice on small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, small business concerns owned and controlled by women, and historically underutilized business zones (as such terms are used in the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.)).

(b) **DEADLINE-** The Secretary shall submit the results of the study to the Committees on Armed Services and Small Business of the Senate and the House of Representatives before submission of the budget request of the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2002.