

WASHINGTON- Congressman Lee Terry has offered an amendment that would limit the number of civilian contractor conversions on military installations.

Congressman Terry's amendment would limit the conversions to no more than 12 percent of the current workforces on each installation impacted by this Department of Defense policy.

"The impacts of these conversions ripple through our community," said Congressman Terry. "Government contractors, especially in the Bellevue-Offutt community, are losing employees at about a 20 percent rate that exceeds the Defense Departments goal of 12 percent. As smaller contractors covert to government employees our local economy suffers. My amendment will level the playing field for all military installations by capping the conversion level at 12 percent on each military installation like Offutt."

"As a Nebraska small business owner and operator, I am deeply concerned about the initiative to convert many key contractor support positions to Government Service billets, said Dave Everhart, President of Veterans Defense Services, Inc. of Bellevue, Nebraska. "In many cases our employees are being told that they can either accept the government position at a reduced salary or lose their job. This is the wrong time to be reducing private contractor positions in favor of government employees and spending."

Congressman Terry submitted his amendment before the Rules Committee on H.R. 5136, the DOD Authorization Bill for FY2011

