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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 6, 2005

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama (for himself and Mr. McCaul of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CONSULTATION WITH BUSINESSES AND FIRMS.

With respect to the Secure Border Initiative and for the purposes of strengthening security along the international and maritime borders of the United States, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall conduct outreach to
and consult with members of the private sector, including business councils, associations, and small, minority-owned, women-owned, and disadvantaged businesses—

(1) to identify existing and emerging technologies, best practices, and business processes;

(2) to maximize economies of scale, cost-effectiveness, systems integration, and resource allocation; and

(3) to identify the most appropriate contract mechanisms to enhance financial accountability and mission effectiveness of border security programs.