

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 136

To expand the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium to include the  
Transportation Technology Center.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 4, 2007

Mr. ALLARD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred  
to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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## A BILL

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to include the Transportation Technology Center.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “National Domestic  
5       Preparedness Consortium Expansion Act of 2007”.

**6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds that—

8           (1) the Transportation Technology Center is a  
9           federally-owned multi-modal testing and training fa-  
10           cility in Pueblo, Colorado;

12 (4) the Emergency Response Training Center  
13 was established in 1985 at the Transportation Tech-  
14 nology Center to instruct the transportation indus-  
15 try, chemical shippers, fire departments, emergency  
16 responders, and police services how to respond to  
17 hazardous materials incidents safely and effectively;

24 (6) the Emergency Response Training Center is  
25 uniquely positioned to teach emergency response for

1 railway-related emergencies with 69 railway freight  
2 cars, 15 railroad passenger cars, 25 highway cargo  
3 tanks, van trailers, and intermodal containers, and  
4 computer work stations equipped with the latest  
5 emergency response software;

6 (7) the Passenger Railcar Security and Integ-  
7 rity Training Facility is currently being developed at  
8 Transportation Technology Center to test various in-  
9 spection, response, and remediation techniques effec-  
10 tiveness for mitigation to incidents involving pas-  
11 senger railcars;

12 (8) this facility focuses on chemical, biological,  
13 radiological, nuclear, or explosive incidents and other  
14 activities associated with potential terrorist events;

15 (9) this public private partnership facility offers  
16 a well-established infrastructure, a host of emer-  
17 gency preparedness training experts, and the sup-  
18 port of the American Public Transit Association, the  
19 Association of American Railroads, the Federal Rail-  
20 road Administration, the Federal Transit Authority,  
21 and the Colorado Senate;

22 (10) railroad tunnels and underground stations  
23 have been identified as particularly high-risk targets  
24 for terrorists because of the potential for large pas-  
25 senger volumes, confined spaces, relatively unre-

1       stricted access, and the possibility for network dis-  
2       ruptions with significant economic, political and so-  
3       cial impact;

4 (11) security experts have identified a number  
5 of technology and training needs to prevent attacks  
6 on tunnels and to mitigate and remediate the con-  
7 sequences of such attacks, including detection sys-  
8 tems, dispersal control, and decontamination tech-  
9 niques; and

10 (12) the National Domestic Preparedness Con-  
11 sortium does not currently include a facility that is  
12 uniquely focused on emergency preparedness within  
13 the railroad and mass transit environment.

14 SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF THE NATIONAL DOMESTIC PRE-  
15 PAREDNESS CONSORTIUM.

16 The National Domestic Preparedness Consortium  
17 shall include the Transportation Technology Center lo-  
18 cated in Pueblo, Colorado.

