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To provide for increased export assistance staff in areas in which the President declared a major disaster as a result of Hurricane Katrina of 2005 and Hurricane Rita of 2005.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. LANDRIEU introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

A BILL

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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 “Gulf Coast Export Re-
5 covery Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL STAFF FOR NEW ORLEANS UNITED**
2 **STATES EXPORT ASSISTANCE CENTER.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce shall
4 hire 1 additional full-time international trade specialist,
5 to be located in the New Orleans, Louisiana, United
6 States Export Assistance Center.

7 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The international trade spe-
8 cialist hired under subsection (a) shall provide service to
9 the parishes of East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge,
10 Pointe Coupee, Iberville, St. Martin, St. Landry, and Ibe-
11 ria, Louisiana, and any other parish selected by the Sec-
12 retary of Commerce.

13 **SEC. 3. GULF COAST EXPORT ASSISTANCE.**

14 (a) INCREASE IN SMALL BUSINESS INTERNATIONAL
15 TRADE STAFF.—The Administrator shall hire an addi-
16 tional full-time international finance specialist to the Of-
17 fice of International Trade of the Administration.

18 (b) LOCATION AND SERVICE AREA.—The inter-
19 national finance specialist hired under subsection (a)
20 shall—

21 (1) be located in the New Orleans, Louisiana
22 United States Export Assistance Center;

23 (2) help to carry out the export promotion ef-
24 forts described in section 22 of the Small Business
25 Act (15 U.S.C. 649); and

1 (3) provide such services in the States of Lou-
2 isiana, Mississippi, and Alabama.

3 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
5 appropriated to the Administration such sums as are
6 necessary to carry out this section.

7 (2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts made
8 available under this subsection shall remain available
9 until expended.

10 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

11 For purposes of this Act, the terms “Administration”
12 and “Administrator” mean the Small Business Adminis-
13 tration and the Administrator thereof, respectively.

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