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S. 1590

To establish a clean energy technology business competition grant program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 6, 2009

Mrs. GILLIBRAND introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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. CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS COM-**
4 **PETITION GRANT PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy (referred
6 to in this section as the “Secretary”) may provide grants
7 to organizations to conduct business competitions that
8 provide incentives, training, and mentorship to entre-
9 preneurs and early stage start-up companies throughout
10 the United States to meet high priority economic, environ-
11 mental, and energy security goals in areas including en-

1 ergy efficiency, renewable energy, air quality, water qual-
2 ity and conservation, transportation, smart grid, green
3 buildings, and waste management.

4 (b) PURPOSES.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The competitions described
6 in subsection (a) shall have the purposes of—

7 (A) accelerating the development and de-
8 ployment of clean energy technology businesses
9 and green jobs;

10 (B) stimulating green economic develop-
11 ment;

12 (C) providing business training and men-
13 toring to early stage clean energy technology
14 companies; and

15 (D) strengthening the competitiveness of
16 United States clean energy technology industry
17 in world trade markets.

18 (2) PRIORITY.—Priority shall be given to busi-
19 ness competitions that—

20 (A) are led by the private sector;

21 (B) encourage regional and interregional
22 cooperation; and

23 (C) can demonstrate the creation of cost-
24 effective green jobs through an annual publica-

1 tion of competition activities and directory of
2 companies.

3 (c) ELIGIBILITY.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible for a grant
5 under this section, an organization shall be—

6 (A) an organization described in section
7 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
8 and exempt from taxation under 501(a) of that
9 Code; or

10 (B) any sponsored entity of an organiza-
11 tion described in subparagraph (A) that is oper-
12 ated as a nonprofit entity.

13 (2) PRIORITY.—In making grants under this
14 section, the Secretary shall give priority to organiza-
15 tions that can demonstrate broad funding support
16 from private and other non-Federal funding sources
17 to leverage Federal investment.

18 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
19 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
20 \$50,000,000.

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