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To reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes.

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Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Ms. SNOWE) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed

A BILL

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and for other purposes.

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 “SBIR/STTR Reau-
5 thorization Act of 2010”.

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1 SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

2 In this Act—

3 (1) the terms “Administration” and “Adminis-
4 trator” mean the Small Business Administration
5 and the Administrator thereof, respectively;

6 (2) the terms “extramural budget”, “Federal
7 agency”, “Small Business Innovation Research Pro-
8 gram”, “SBIR”, “Small Business Technology
9 Transfer Program”, and “STTR” have the mean-
10 ings given such terms in section 9 of the Small Busi-
11 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 638); and

12 (3) the term “small business concern” has the
13 meaning given that term under section 3 of the
14 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

15 TITLE I—REAUTHORIZATION OF
16 THE SBIR AND STTR PROGRAMS

17 SEC. 101. EXTENSION OF TERMINATION DATES.

18 (a) SBIR.—Section 9(m) of the Small Business Act
19 (15 U.S.C. 638(m)) is amended—

20 (1) by striking “TERMINATION.—” and all that
21 follows through “the authorization” and inserting
22 “TERMINATION.—The authorization”;

23 (2) by striking “2008” and inserting “2018”;
24 and

1 (3) by striking paragraph (2).

2 (b) STTR.—Section 9(n)(1)(A) of the Small Busi-
3 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 638(n)(1)(A)) is amended—

4 (1) by striking “IN GENERAL.—” and all that
5 follows through “with respect” and inserting “IN
6 GENERAL.—With respect”;

7 (2) by striking “2009” and inserting “2018”;
8 and

9 (3) by striking clause (ii).

10 **SEC. 102. STATUS OF THE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY.**

11 Section 9(b) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
12 638(b)) is amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (7), by striking “and” at the
14 end;

15 (2) in paragraph (8), by striking the period at
16 the end and inserting “; and”;

17 (3) by redesignating paragraph (8) as para-
18 graph (9); and

19 (4) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(10) to maintain an Office of Technology to
21 carry out the responsibilities of the Administration
22 under this section, which shall be—

23 “(A) headed by the Assistant Adminis-
24 trator for Technology, who shall report directly
25 to the Administrator; and

1 “(B) independent from the Office of Gov-
 2 ernment Contracting of the Administration and
 3 sufficiently staffed and funded to comply with
 4 the oversight, reporting, and public database re-
 5 sponsibilities assigned to the Office of Tech-
 6 nology by the Administrator.”.

7 **SEC. 103. SBIR ALLOCATION INCREASE.**

8 Section 9(f) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
 9 638(f)) is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (1)—

11 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
 12 (A), by striking “Each” and inserting “Except
 13 as provided in paragraph (2)(B), each”;

14 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking
 15 “and” at the end; and

16 (C) by striking subparagraph (C) and in-
 17 serting the following:

18 “(C) not less than 2.5 percent of such
 19 budget in fiscal year 2011;

20 “(D) not less than 2.6 percent of such
 21 budget in fiscal year 2012;

22 “(E) not less than 2.7 percent of such
 23 budget in fiscal year 2013;

24 “(F) not less than 2.8 percent of such
 25 budget in fiscal year 2014;

1 “(G) not less than 2.9 percent of such
2 budget in fiscal year 2015;

3 “(H) not less than 3.0 percent of such
4 budget in fiscal year 2016;

5 “(I) not less than 3.1 percent of such
6 budget in fiscal year 2017;

7 “(J) not less than 3.2 percent of such
8 budget in fiscal year 2018;

9 “(K) not less than 3.3 percent of such
10 budget in fiscal year 2019;

11 “(L) not less than 3.4 percent of such
12 budget in fiscal year 2020; and

13 “(M) not less than 3.5 percent of such
14 budget in fiscal year 2021 and each fiscal year
15 thereafter,”; and

16 (2) in paragraph (2)—

17 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)
18 and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively, and
19 adjusting the margins accordingly;

20 (B) by striking “A Federal agency” and
21 inserting the following:

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A Federal agency”;
23 and

24 (C) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.—For the Department of Defense and the Department of Energy, to the greatest extent practicable, the percentage of the extramural budget in excess of 2.5 percent required to be expended with small business concerns under subparagraphs (D) through (M) of paragraph (1)—

“(i) may not be used for new Phase I or Phase II awards; and

“(ii) shall be used for activities that further the readiness levels of technologies developed under Phase II awards, including conducting testing and evaluation to promote the transition of such technologies into commercial or defense products, or systems furthering the mission needs of the Department of Defense or the Department of Energy, as the case may be.”.

SEC. 104. STTR ALLOCATION INCREASE.

Section 9(n)(1)(B) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(n)(1)(B)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) in clause (ii), by striking “thereafter.” and

inserting “through fiscal year 2011;” and

1 (3) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(iii) 0.4 percent for fiscal years 2012

3 and 2013;

4 “(iv) 0.5 percent for fiscal years 2014

5 and 2015; and

6 “(v) 0.6 percent for fiscal year 2016

7 and each fiscal year thereafter.”.

8 **SEC. 105. SBIR AND STTR AWARD LEVELS.**

9 (a) SBIR ADJUSTMENTS.—Section 9(j)(2)(D) of the
10 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(j)(2)(D)) is amend-
11 ed—

12 (1) by striking “\$100,000” and inserting
13 “\$150,000”; and

14 (2) by striking “\$750,000” and inserting
15 “\$1,000,000”.

16 (b) STTR ADJUSTMENTS.—Section 9(p)(2)(B)(ix) of
17 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(p)(2)(B)(ix)) is
18 amended—

19 (1) by striking “\$100,000” and inserting
20 “\$150,000”; and

21 (2) by striking “\$750,000” and inserting
22 “\$1,000,000”.

23 (c) ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS.—Section 9 of the Small
24 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (j)(2)(D), by striking “once
 2 every 5 years to reflect economic adjustments and
 3 programmatic considerations” and inserting “every
 4 year for inflation”; and

5 (2) in subsection (p)(2)(B)(ix) by inserting
 6 “(each of which the Administrator shall adjust for
 7 inflation annually)” after “\$750,000,”.

8 (d) LIMITATION ON SIZE OF AWARDS.—Section 9 of
 9 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638) is amended by
 10 adding at the end the following:

11 “(aa) LIMITATION ON SIZE OF AWARDS.—

12 “(1) LIMITATION.—No Federal agency may
 13 issue an award under the SBIR program or the
 14 STTR program if the size of the award exceeds the
 15 award guidelines established under this section by
 16 more than 50 percent.

17 “(2) MAINTENANCE OF INFORMATION.—Par-
 18 ticipating agencies shall maintain information on
 19 awards exceeding the guidelines established under
 20 this section, including—

21 “(A) the amount of each award;

22 “(B) a justification for exceeding the
 23 award amount;

24 “(C) the identity and location of each
 25 award recipient; and

1 “(D) whether an award recipient has re-
 2 ceived any venture capital investment and, if so,
 3 whether the recipient is majority-owned and
 4 controlled by multiple venture capital operating
 5 companies.

6 “(3) REPORTS.—The Administrator shall in-
 7 clude the information described in paragraph (2) in
 8 the annual report of the Administrator to Congress.

9 “(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
 10 this subsection shall be construed to prevent a Fed-
 11 eral agency from supplementing an award under the
 12 SBIR program or the STTR program using funds of
 13 the Federal agency that are not part of the SBIR
 14 program or the STTR program of the Federal agen-
 15 cy.”.

16 **SEC. 106. AGENCY AND PROGRAM FLEXIBILITY.**

17 Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638),
 18 as amended by this Act, is amended by adding at the end
 19 the following:

20 “(bb) SUBSEQUENT PHASE II AWARDS.—

21 “(1) AGENCY FLEXIBILITY.—A small business
 22 concern that received an award from a Federal
 23 agency under this section shall be eligible to receive
 24 a subsequent Phase II award from another Federal
 25 agency, if the head of each relevant Federal agency

1 or the relevant component of the Federal agency
2 makes a written determination that the topics of the
3 relevant awards are the same and both agencies re-
4 port the awards to the Administrator for inclusion in
5 the public database under subsection (k).

6 “(2) SBIR AND STTR PROGRAM FLEXIBILITY.—
7 A small business concern that received an award
8 under this section under the SBIR program or the
9 STTR program may receive a subsequent Phase II
10 award in either the SBIR program or the STTR
11 program and the participating agency or agencies
12 shall report the awards to the Administrator for in-
13 clusion in the public database under subsection (k).

14 “(3) PREVENTING DUPLICATIVE AWARDS.—Be-
15 fore making an award under paragraph (1) or (2),
16 the head of a Federal agency shall verify that the
17 project to be performed with the award has not been
18 funded under the SBIR program or STTR program
19 of another Federal agency.”.

20 **SEC. 107. ELIMINATION OF PHASE II INVITATIONS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9(e) of the Small Busi-
22 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 638(e)) is amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (4)(B), by striking “to fur-
24 ther” and inserting: “which shall not include any in-
25 vitation, pre-screening, pre-selection, or down-selec-

1 tion process for eligibility for the second phase, that
 2 will further”; and

3 (2) in paragraph (6)(B), by striking “to further
 4 develop proposed ideas to” and inserting “which
 5 shall not include any invitation, pre-screening, pre-
 6 selection, or down-selection process for eligibility for
 7 the second phase, that will further develop proposals
 8 that”.

9 **SEC. 108. PARTICIPATION BY FIRMS WITH SUBSTANTIAL IN-**
 10 **VESTMENT FROM MULTIPLE VENTURE CAP-**
 11 **ITAL OPERATING COMPANIES IN A PORTION**
 12 **OF THE SBIR PROGRAM.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9 of the Small Business
 14 Act (15 U.S.C. 638), as amended by this Act, is amended
 15 by adding at the end the following:

16 “(cc) PARTICIPATION OF SMALL BUSINESS CON-
 17 CERNS MAJORITY-OWNED BY VENTURE CAPITAL OPER-
 18 ATING COMPANIES IN THE SBIR PROGRAM.—

19 “(1) AUTHORITY.—Upon a written determina-
 20 tion described in paragraph (2) provided to the Ad-
 21 ministrator and to the Committee on Small Business
 22 and Entrepreneurship of the Senate and the Com-
 23 mittee on Small Business of the House of Rep-
 24 resentatives not later than 30 days before the date
 25 on which an award is made—

1 “(A) the Director of the National Insti-
2 tutes of Health, the Secretary of Energy, and
3 the Director of the National Science Founda-
4 tion may award not more than 25 percent of
5 the funds allocated for the SBIR program of
6 the Federal agency to small business concerns
7 that are owned in majority part by multiple
8 venture capital operating companies through
9 competitive, merit-based procedures that are
10 open to all eligible small business concerns; and

11 “(B) the head of a Federal agency other
12 than a Federal agency described in subpara-
13 graph (A) that participates in the SBIR pro-
14 gram may award not more than 15 percent of
15 the funds allocated for the SBIR program of
16 the Federal agency to small business concerns
17 that are owned in majority part by multiple
18 venture capital operating companies through
19 competitive, merit-based procedures that are
20 open to all eligible small business concerns.

21 “(2) DETERMINATION.—A written determina-
22 tion described in this paragraph is a written deter-
23 mination by the head of a Federal agency that ex-
24 plains how the use of the authority under paragraph
25 (1) will—

1 “(A) induce additional venture capital
2 funding of small business innovations;

3 “(B) substantially contribute to the mis-
4 sion of the Federal agency;

5 “(C) demonstrate a need for public re-
6 search; and

7 “(D) otherwise fulfill the capital needs of
8 small business concerns for additional financing
9 for the SBIR project.

10 “(3) REGISTRATION.—A small business concern
11 that is majority-owned by multiple venture capital
12 operating companies and qualified for participation
13 in the program authorized under paragraph (1)
14 shall—

15 “(A) register with the Administrator on
16 the date that the small business concern sub-
17 mits an application for an award under the
18 SBIR program; and

19 “(B) indicate in any SBIR proposal that
20 the small business concern is registered under
21 subparagraph (A) as majority-owned by mul-
22 tiple venture capital operating companies.

23 “(4) COMPLIANCE.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The head of a Federal
25 agency that makes an award under this sub-

1 section during a fiscal year shall collect and
2 submit to the Administrator data relating to
3 the number and dollar amount of Phase I
4 awards, Phase II awards, and any other cat-
5 egory of awards by the Federal agency under
6 the SBIR program during that fiscal year.

7 “(B) ANNUAL REPORTING.—The Adminis-
8 trator shall include as part of each annual re-
9 port by the Administration under subsection
10 (b)(7) any data submitted under subparagraph
11 (A) and a discussion of the compliance of each
12 Federal agency that makes an award under this
13 subsection during the fiscal year with the max-
14 imum percentages under paragraph (1).

15 “(5) ENFORCEMENT.—If a Federal agency
16 awards more than the percent of the funds allocated
17 for the SBIR program of the Federal agency author-
18 ized under paragraph (1) for a purpose described in
19 paragraph (1), the head of the Federal agency shall
20 transfer an amount equal to the amount awarded in
21 excess of the amount authorized under paragraph
22 (1) to the funds for general SBIR programs from
23 the non-SBIR and non-STTR research and develop-
24 ment funds of the Federal agency not later than 180
25 days after the date on which the Federal agency

1 made the award that caused the total awarded under
 2 paragraph (1) to be more than the amount author-
 3 ized under paragraph (1) for a purpose described in
 4 paragraph (1).

5 “(6) EVALUATION CRITERIA.—A Federal agen-
 6 cy may not use investment of venture capital as a
 7 criterion for the award of contracts under the SBIR
 8 program or STTR program.”.

9 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
 10 Section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632) is
 11 amended by adding at the end the following:

12 “(aa) VENTURE CAPITAL OPERATING COMPANY.—In
 13 this Act, the term ‘venture capital operating company’
 14 means an entity described in clause (i), (v), or (vi) of sec-
 15 tion 121.103(b)(5) of title 13, Code of Federal Regula-
 16 tions (or any successor thereto).”.

17 (c) RULEMAKING TO ENSURE THAT FIRMS THAT
 18 ARE MAJORITY-OWNED BY MULTIPLE VENTURE CAPITAL
 19 OPERATING COMPANIES ARE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN
 20 A PORTION OF THE SBIR PROGRAM.—

21 (1) STATEMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL INTENT.—

22 It is the stated intent of Congress that the Adminis-
 23 trator should promulgate regulations to carry out
 24 the authority under section 9(cc) of the Small Busi-
 25 ness Act, as added by this section, that—

1 (A) permit small business concerns that
2 are majority-owned by multiple venture capital
3 operating companies to participate in the SBIR
4 program in accordance with section 9(cc) of the
5 Small Business Act;

6 (B) provide specific guidance for small
7 business concerns that are majority-owned by
8 multiple venture capital operating companies
9 with regard to eligibility, participation, and af-
10 filiation rules; and

11 (C) preserve and maintain the integrity of
12 the SBIR program as a program for small busi-
13 ness concerns in the United States, prohibiting
14 large businesses or large entities or foreign-
15 owned businesses or entities from participation
16 in the program established under section 9 of
17 the Small Business Act.

18 (2) RULEMAKING REQUIRED.—

19 (A) PROPOSED REGULATIONS.—Not later
20 than April 30, 2011, the Administrator shall
21 issue proposed regulations to amend section
22 121.103 (relating to determinations of affili-
23 ation applicable to the SBIR program) and sec-
24 tion 121.702 (relating to ownership and control
25 standards and size standards applicable to the

1 SBIR program) of title 13, Code of Federal
 2 Regulations, for firms that are majority-owned
 3 by multiple venture capital operating companies
 4 and participating in the SBIR program solely
 5 under the authority under section 9(cc) of the
 6 Small Business Act, as added by this section.

7 (B) FINAL REGULATIONS.—Not later than
 8 December 31, 2011, and after providing notice
 9 of and opportunity for comment on the pro-
 10 posed regulations issued under subparagraph
 11 (A), the Administrator shall issue final or in-
 12 terim final regulations under this subsection.

13 (3) CONTENTS.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—The regulations issued
 15 under this subsection shall permit the participa-
 16 tion of applicants majority-owned by multiple
 17 venture capital operating companies in the
 18 SBIR program in accordance with section 9(cc)
 19 of the Small Business Act, as added by this sec-
 20 tion, unless the Administrator determines—

21 (i) in accordance with the size stand-
 22 ards established under subparagraph (B),
 23 that the applicant is—

24 (I) a large business or large enti-

25 ty; or

1 (II) majority-owned or controlled
2 by a large business or large entity; or
3 (ii) in accordance with the criteria es-
4 tablished under subparagraph (C), that the
5 applicant—

6 (I) is a foreign business or a for-
7 eign entity or is not a citizen of the
8 United States or alien lawfully admit-
9 ted for permanent residence; or

10 (II) is majority-owned or con-
11 trolled by a foreign business, foreign
12 entity, or person who is not a citizen
13 of the United States or alien lawfully
14 admitted for permanent residence.

15 (B) SIZE STANDARDS.—Under the author-
16 ity to establish size standards under paragraphs
17 (2) and (3) of section 3(a) of the Small Busi-
18 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 632(a)), the Administrator
19 shall, in accordance with paragraph (1) of this
20 subsection, establish size standards for appli-
21 cants seeking to participate in the SBIR pro-
22 gram solely under the authority under section
23 9(cc) of the Small Business Act, as added by
24 this section.

1 (C) CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING FOREIGN
2 OWNERSHIP.—The Administrator shall establish
3 criteria for determining whether an applicant
4 meets the requirements under subparagraph
5 (A)(ii), and, in establishing the criteria, shall
6 consider whether the criteria should include—

7 (i) whether the applicant is at least 51
8 percent owned or controlled by citizens of
9 the United States or domestic venture cap-
10 ital operating companies;

11 (ii) whether the applicant is domiciled
12 in the United States; and

13 (iii) whether the applicant is a direct
14 or indirect subsidiary of a foreign-owned
15 firm, including whether the criteria should
16 include that an applicant is a direct or in-
17 direct subsidiary of a foreign-owned entity
18 if—

19 (I) any venture capital operating
20 company that owns more than 20 per-
21 cent of the applicant is a direct or in-
22 direct subsidiary of a foreign-owned
23 entity; or

24 (II) in the aggregate, entities
25 that are direct or indirect subsidiaries

1 of foreign-owned entities own more
2 than 49 percent of the applicant.

3 (D) CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING AFFILI-
4 ATION.—The Administrator shall establish cri-
5 teria, in accordance with paragraph (1), for de-
6 termining whether an applicant is affiliated
7 with a venture capital operating company or
8 any other business that the venture capital op-
9 erating company has financed and, in estab-
10 lishing the criteria, shall specify that—

11 (i) if a venture capital operating com-
12 pany that is determined to be affiliated
13 with an applicant is a minority investor in
14 the applicant, the portfolio companies of
15 the venture capital operating company
16 shall not be determined to be affiliated
17 with the applicant, unless—

18 (I) the venture capital operating
19 company owns a majority of the port-
20 folio company; or

21 (II) the venture capital operating
22 company holds a majority of the seats
23 on the board of directors of the port-
24 folio company;

1 (ii) subject to clause (i), the Adminis-
2 trator retains the authority to determine
3 whether a venture capital operating com-
4 pany is affiliated with an applicant, includ-
5 ing establishing other criteria;

6 (iii) the Administrator may not deter-
7 mine that a portfolio company of a venture
8 capital operating company is affiliated with
9 an applicant based solely on one or more
10 shared investors; and

11 (iv) subject to clauses (i), (ii), and
12 (iii), the Administrator retains the author-
13 ity to determine whether a portfolio com-
14 pany of a venture capital operating com-
15 pany is affiliated with an applicant based
16 on factors independent of whether there is
17 a shared investor, such as whether there
18 are contractual obligations between the
19 portfolio company and the applicant.

20 (4) ENFORCEMENT.—If the Administrator does
21 not issue final or interim final regulations under this
22 subsection on or before December 31, 2011, the Ad-
23 ministrator may not carry out any activities under
24 section 4(h) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
25 633(h)) (as continued in effect pursuant to the Act

1 entitled “An Act to extend temporarily certain au-
 2 thorities of the Small Business Administration”, ap-
 3 proved October 10, 2006 (Public Law 109–316; 120
 4 Stat. 1742)) during the period beginning on the day
 5 after December 31, 2011, and ending on the date on
 6 which the final or interim final regulations are
 7 issued.

8 (5) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
 9 “venture capital operating company” has the same
 10 meaning as in section 3(aa) of the Small Business
 11 Act, as added by this section.

12 (d) ASSISTANCE FOR DETERMINING AFFILIATES.—

13 (1) CLEAR EXPLANATION REQUIRED.—Not
 14 later than 30 days after the date of enactment of
 15 this Act, the Administrator shall post on the website
 16 of the Administration (with a direct link displayed
 17 on the homepage of the website of the Administra-
 18 tion or the SBIR and STTR websites of the Admin-
 19 istration)—

20 (A) a clear explanation of the SBIR and
 21 STTR affiliation rules under part 121 of title
 22 13, Code of Federal Regulations; and

23 (B) contact information for officers or em-
 24 ployees of the Administration who—

1 (i) upon request, shall review an issue
 2 relating to the rules described in subpara-
 3 graph (A); and

4 (ii) shall respond to a request under
 5 clause (i) not later than 20 business days
 6 after the date on which the request is re-
 7 ceived.

8 (2) INCLUSION OF AFFILIATION RULES FOR
 9 CERTAIN SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS.—On and
 10 after the date on which the final regulations under
 11 subsection (c) are issued, the Administrator shall
 12 post on the website of the Administration informa-
 13 tion relating to the regulations, in accordance with
 14 paragraph (1).

15 **SEC. 109. SBIR AND STTR SPECIAL ACQUISITION PREF-**
 16 **ERENCE.**

17 Section 9(r) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
 18 638(r)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

19 “(4) PHASE III AWARDS.—To the greatest ex-
 20 tent practicable, Federal agencies and Federal prime
 21 contractors shall issue Phase III awards relating to
 22 technology, including sole source awards, to the
 23 SBIR and STTR award recipients that developed
 24 the technology.”.

1 **SEC. 110. COLLABORATING WITH FEDERAL LABORATORIES**
 2 **AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CEN-**
 3 **TERS.**

4 Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638),
 5 as amended by this Act, is amended by adding at the end
 6 the following:

7 “(dd) COLLABORATING WITH FEDERAL LABORA-
 8 TORIES AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.—

9 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—Subject to the limita-
 10 tions under this section, the head of each partici-
 11 pating Federal agency may make SBIR and STTR
 12 awards to any eligible small business concern that—

13 “(A) intends to enter into an agreement
 14 with a Federal laboratory or federally funded
 15 research and development center for portions of
 16 the activities to be performed under that award;
 17 or

18 “(B) has entered into a cooperative re-
 19 search and development agreement (as defined
 20 in section 12(d) of the Stevenson-Wydler Tech-
 21 nology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C.
 22 3710a(d))) with a Federal laboratory.

23 “(2) PROHIBITION.—No Federal agency shall—

24 “(A) condition an SBIR or STTR award
 25 upon entering into agreement with any Federal
 26 laboratory or any federally funded laboratory or

1 research and development center for any por-
2 tion of the activities to be performed under that
3 award;

4 “(B) approve an agreement between a
5 small business concern receiving a SBIR or
6 STTR award and a Federal laboratory or feder-
7 ally funded laboratory or research and develop-
8 ment center, if the small business concern per-
9 forms a lesser portion of the activities to be
10 performed under that award than required by
11 this section and by the SBIR Policy Directive
12 and the STTR Policy Directive of the Adminis-
13 trator; or

14 “(C) approve an agreement that violates
15 any provision, including any data rights protec-
16 tions provision, of this section or the SBIR and
17 the STTR Policy Directives.

18 “(3) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 180
19 days after the date of enactment of this subsection,
20 the Administrator shall modify the SBIR Policy Di-
21 rective and the STTR Policy Directive issued under
22 this section to ensure that small business concerns—

23 “(A) have the flexibility to use the re-
24 sources of the Federal laboratories and feder-

1 ally funded research and development centers;
2 and

3 “(B) are not mandated to enter into agree-
4 ment with any Federal laboratory or any feder-
5 ally funded laboratory or research and develop-
6 ment center as a condition of an award.”.

7 **SEC. 111. NOTICE REQUIREMENT.**

8 (a) SBIR PROGRAM.—Section 9(g) of the Small
9 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(g)) is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (10), by striking “and” at the
11 end;

12 (2) in paragraph (11), by striking the period at
13 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(12) provide timely notice to the Adminis-
16 trator of any case or controversy before any Federal
17 judicial or administrative tribunal concerning the
18 SBIR program of the Federal agency; and”.

19 (b) STTR PROGRAM.—Section 9(o) of the Small
20 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(o)) is amended—

21 (1) by striking paragraph (15);

22 (2) in paragraph (16), by striking the period at
23 the end and inserting “; and”;

24 (3) by redesignating paragraph (16) as para-
25 graph (15); and

1 (4) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(16) provide timely notice to the Adminis-
3 trator of any case or controversy before any Federal
4 judicial or administrative tribunal concerning the
5 STTR program of the Federal agency.”.

6 **SEC. 112. EXPRESS AUTHORITY FOR AN AGENCY TO AWARD**
7 **SEQUENTIAL PHASE II AWARDS FOR SBIR OR**
8 **STTR FUNDED PROJECTS.**

9 Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638),
10 as amended by this Act, is amended by adding at the end
11 the following:

12 “(ee) ADDITIONAL PHASE II SBIR AND STTR
13 AWARDS.—A small business concern that receives a Phase
14 II SBIR award or a Phase II STTR award for a project
15 remains eligible to receive an additional Phase II SBIR
16 award or Phase II STTR award for that project.”.

17 **TITLE II—OUTREACH AND COM-**
18 **MERCIALIZATION INITIA-**
19 **TIVES**

20 **SEC. 201. RURAL AND STATE OUTREACH.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9 of the Small Business
22 Act (15 U.S.C. 638) is amended by inserting after sub-
23 section (r) the following:

24 “(s) FEDERAL AND STATE TECHNOLOGY PARTNER-
25 SHIP PROGRAM.—

1 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the fol-
 2 lowing definitions apply:

3 “(A) APPLICANT.—The term ‘applicant’
 4 means an entity, organization, or individual
 5 that submits a proposal for an award or a coop-
 6 erative agreement under this subsection.

7 “(B) FAST PROGRAM.—The term ‘FAST
 8 program’ means the Federal and State Tech-
 9 nology Partnership Program established under
 10 this subsection.

11 “(C) RECIPIENT.—The term ‘recipient’
 12 means a person that receives an award or be-
 13 comes party to a cooperative agreement under
 14 this subsection.

15 “(D) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means
 16 each of the several States, the District of Co-
 17 lumbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the
 18 Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa.

19 “(E) DEFINITIONS RELATING TO MEN-
 20 TORING NETWORKS.—The terms ‘business ad-
 21 vice and counseling’, ‘mentor’, and ‘mentoring
 22 network’ have the meanings given those terms
 23 in section 34(e).

24 “(2) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Ad-
 25 ministrator shall establish a program to be known as

1 the Federal and State Technology Partnership Pro-
 2 gram, the purpose of which shall be to strengthen
 3 the technological competitiveness of small business
 4 concerns in the States.

5 “(3) GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREE-
 6 MENTS.—

7 “(A) JOINT REVIEW.—In carrying out the
 8 FAST program, the Administrator and the pro-
 9 gram managers for the SBIR program and
 10 STTR program at the National Science Foun-
 11 dation, the Department of Defense, and any
 12 other Federal agency determined appropriate by
 13 the Administrator shall jointly review proposals
 14 submitted by applicants and may make awards
 15 or enter into cooperative agreements under this
 16 subsection based on the factors for consider-
 17 ation set forth in subparagraph (B), in order to
 18 enhance or develop in a State—

19 “(i) technology research and develop-
 20 ment by small business concerns;

21 “(ii) technology transfer from univer-
 22 sity research to technology-based small
 23 business concerns;

24 “(iii) technology deployment and dif-
 25 fusion benefitting small business concerns;

1 “(iv) the technological capabilities of
2 small business concerns through the estab-
3 lishment or operation of consortia com-
4 prised of entities, organizations, or individ-
5 uals, including—

6 “(I) State and local development
7 agencies and entities;

8 “(II) representatives of tech-
9 nology-based small business concerns;

10 “(III) industries and emerging
11 companies;

12 “(IV) universities; and

13 “(V) small business development
14 centers; and

15 “(v) outreach, financial support, and
16 technical assistance to technology-based
17 small business concerns participating in or
18 interested in participating in an SBIR pro-
19 gram or STTR program, including initia-
20 tives—

21 “(I) to make grants or loans to
22 companies to pay a portion or all of
23 the cost of developing SBIR or STTR
24 proposals;

1 “(II) to establish or operate a
2 Mentoring Network within the FAST
3 program to provide business advice
4 and counseling that will assist small
5 business concerns that have been
6 identified by FAST program partici-
7 pants, program managers of partici-
8 pating SBIR agencies, the Adminis-
9 tration, or other entities that are
10 knowledgeable about the SBIR and
11 STTR programs as good candidates
12 for the SBIR and STTR programs,
13 and that would benefit from men-
14 toring, in accordance with section 34;

15 “(III) to create or participate in
16 a training program for individuals
17 providing SBIR or STTR outreach
18 and assistance at the State and local
19 levels; and

20 “(IV) to encourage the commer-
21 cialization of technology developed
22 through funding under the SBIR pro-
23 gram or the STTR program.

24 “(B) SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS.—In
25 making awards or entering into cooperative

1 agreements under this subsection, the Adminis-
2 trator and the program managers referred to in
3 subparagraph (A)—

4 “(i) may only consider proposals by
5 applicants that intend to use a portion of
6 the Federal assistance provided under this
7 subsection to provide outreach, financial
8 support, or technical assistance to tech-
9 nology-based small business concerns par-
10 ticipating in or interested in participating
11 in the SBIR program or STTR program;
12 and

13 “(ii) shall consider, at a minimum—

14 “(I) whether the applicant has
15 demonstrated that the assistance to
16 be provided would address unmet
17 needs of small business concerns in
18 the community, and whether it is im-
19 portant to use Federal funding for the
20 proposed activities;

21 “(II) whether the applicant has
22 demonstrated that a need exists to in-
23 crease the number or success of small
24 high-technology businesses in the
25 State or an area of the State, as

1 measured by the number of Phase I
2 and Phase II SBIR awards that have
3 historically been received by small
4 business concerns in the State or area
5 of the State;

6 “(III) whether the projected costs
7 of the proposed activities are reason-
8 able;

9 “(IV) whether the proposal inte-
10 grates and coordinates the proposed
11 activities with other State and local
12 programs assisting small high-tech-
13 nology firms in the State;

14 “(V) the manner in which the ap-
15 plicant will measure the results of the
16 activities to be conducted; and

17 “(VI) whether the proposal ad-
18 dresses the needs of small business
19 concerns—

20 “(aa) owned and controlled
21 by women;

22 “(bb) that are socially and
23 economically disadvantaged small
24 business concerns (as defined in
25 section 8(a)(4)(A));

1 “(cc) that are HUBZone
2 small business concerns;

3 “(dd) located in areas that
4 have historically not participated
5 in the SBIR and STTR pro-
6 grams;

7 “(ee) owned and controlled
8 by service-disabled veterans;

9 “(ff) owned and controlled
10 by Native Americans; and

11 “(gg) located in geographic
12 areas with an unemployment rate
13 that exceeds the national unem-
14 ployment rate, based on the most
15 recently available monthly publi-
16 cations of the Bureau of Labor
17 Statistics of the Department of
18 Labor.

19 “(C) PROPOSAL LIMIT.—Not more than 1
20 proposal may be submitted for inclusion in the
21 FAST program under this subsection to provide
22 services in any one State in any 1 fiscal year.

23 “(D) PROCESS.—Proposals and applica-
24 tions for assistance under this subsection shall
25 be in such form and subject to such procedures

1 as the Administrator shall establish. The Ad-
2 ministrator shall promulgate regulations estab-
3 lishing standards for the consideration of pro-
4 posals under subparagraph (B), including
5 standards regarding each of the considerations
6 identified in subparagraph (B)(ii).

7 “(4) COOPERATION AND COORDINATION.—In
8 carrying out the FAST program, the Administrator
9 shall cooperate and coordinate with—

10 “(A) Federal agencies required by this sec-
11 tion to have an SBIR program; and

12 “(B) entities, organizations, and individ-
13 uals actively engaged in enhancing or devel-
14 oping the technological capabilities of small
15 business concerns, including—

16 “(i) State and local development agen-
17 cies and entities;

18 “(ii) State committees established
19 under the Experimental Program to Stim-
20 ulate Competitive Research of the National
21 Science Foundation (as established under
22 section 113 of the National Science Foun-
23 dation Authorization Act of 1988 (42
24 U.S.C. 1862g));

1 “(iii) State science and technology
2 councils; and

3 “(iv) representatives of technology-
4 based small business concerns.

5 “(5) ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS.—

6 “(A) COMPETITIVE BASIS.—Awards and
7 cooperative agreements under this subsection
8 shall be made or entered into, as applicable, on
9 a competitive basis.

10 “(B) MATCHING REQUIREMENTS.—

11 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The non-Federal
12 share of the cost of an activity (other than
13 a planning activity) carried out using an
14 award or under a cooperative agreement
15 under this subsection shall be—

16 “(I) except as provided in clause
17 (iii), 35 cents for each Federal dollar,
18 in the case of a recipient that will
19 serve small business concerns located
20 in 1 of the 18 States receiving the
21 fewest Phase I SBIR awards;

22 “(II) except as provided in clause
23 (ii) or (iii), 1 dollar for each Federal
24 dollar, in the case of a recipient that
25 will serve small business concerns lo-

1 cated in 1 of the 16 States receiving
2 the greatest number of Phase I SBIR
3 awards; and

4 “(III) except as provided in
5 clause (ii) or (iii), 50 cents for each
6 Federal dollar, in the case of a recipi-
7 ent that will serve small business con-
8 cerns located in a State that is not de-
9 scribed in subclause (I) or (II) that is
10 receiving Phase I SBIR awards.

11 “(ii) LOW-INCOME AREAS.—The non-
12 Federal share of the cost of the activity
13 carried out using an award or under a co-
14 operative agreement under this subsection
15 shall be 35 cents for each Federal dollar
16 that will be directly allocated by a recipient
17 described in clause (i) to serve small busi-
18 ness concerns located in a qualified census
19 tract, as that term is defined in section
20 42(d)(5)(B)(ii)(I) of the Internal Revenue
21 Code of 1986. Federal dollars not so allo-
22 cated by that recipient shall be subject to
23 the matching requirements of clause (i).

24 “(iii) RURAL AREAS.—

1 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Except as
2 provided in subclause (II), the non-
3 Federal share of the cost of the activ-
4 ity carried out using an award or
5 under a cooperative agreement under
6 this subsection shall be 35 cents for
7 each Federal dollar that will be di-
8 rectly allocated by a recipient de-
9 scribed in clause (i) to serve small
10 business concerns located in a rural
11 area.

12 “(II) ENHANCED RURAL
13 AWARDS.—For a recipient located in a
14 rural area that is located in a State
15 described in clause (i)(I), the non-
16 Federal share of the cost of the activ-
17 ity carried out using an award or
18 under a cooperative agreement under
19 this subsection shall be 15 cents for
20 each Federal dollar that will be di-
21 rectly allocated by a recipient de-
22 scribed in clause (i) to serve small
23 business concerns located in the rural
24 area.

1 “(III) DEFINITION OF RURAL
2 AREA.—In this clause, the term ‘rural
3 area’ has the meaning given that term
4 in section 1393(a)(2) of the Internal
5 Revenue Code of 1986.

6 “(iv) TYPES OF FUNDING.—The non-
7 Federal share of the cost of an activity
8 carried out by a recipient shall be com-
9 prised of not less than 50 percent cash and
10 not more than 50 percent of indirect costs
11 and in-kind contributions, except that no
12 such costs or contributions may be derived
13 from funds from any other Federal pro-
14 gram.

15 “(v) RANKINGS.—For the first full
16 fiscal year after the date of enactment of
17 the SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act of
18 2010, and each fiscal year thereafter,
19 based on the statistics for the most recent
20 full fiscal year for which the Administrator
21 has compiled statistics, the Administrator
22 shall reevaluate the ranking of each State
23 for purposes of clause (i).

24 “(C) DURATION.—Awards may be made or
25 cooperative agreements entered into under this

1 subsection for multiple years, not to exceed 5
2 years in total.

3 “(6) ANNUAL REPORTS.—The Administrator
4 shall submit an annual report to the Committee on
5 Small Business of the Senate and the Committee on
6 Science and the Committee on Small Business of the
7 House of Representatives regarding—

8 “(A) the number and amount of awards
9 provided and cooperative agreements entered
10 into under the FAST program during the pre-
11 ceding year;

12 “(B) a list of recipients under this sub-
13 section, including their location and the activi-
14 ties being performed with the awards made or
15 under the cooperative agreements entered into;
16 and

17 “(C) the Mentoring Networks and the
18 mentoring database, as provided for under sec-
19 tion 34, including—

20 “(i) the status of the inclusion of
21 mentoring information in the database re-
22 quired by subsection (k); and

23 “(ii) the status of the implementation
24 and description of the usage of the Men-
25 toring Networks.

1 “(7) PROGRAM LEVELS.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to
3 be appropriated to carry out the FAST pro-
4 gram, including Mentoring Networks, under
5 this subsection and section 34, \$15,000,000 for
6 each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014.

7 “(B) MENTORING DATABASE.—Of the
8 total amount made available under subpara-
9 graph (A) for fiscal years 2010 through 2014,
10 a reasonable amount, not to exceed a total of
11 \$500,000, may be used by the Administration
12 to carry out section 34(d).

13 “(8) TERMINATION.—The authority to carry
14 out the FAST program under this subsection shall
15 terminate on September 30, 2014.”.

16 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—
17 The Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is amend-
18 ed—

19 (1) by striking section 34 (15 U.S.C. 657d);

20 (2) by redesignating sections 35 through 43 as
21 sections 34 through 42, respectively;

22 (3) in section 9(k)(1)(D) (15 U.S.C.
23 638(k)(1)(D)), by striking “section 35(d)” and in-
24 serting “section 34(d)”;

1 (4) in section 34 (15 U.S.C. 657e), as so rededesignated—

3 (A) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “section 34(c)(1)(E)(ii)” and inserting “section 9(s)(3)(A)(v)(II)”;

6 (B) by striking “section 34” each place it appears and inserting “section 9(s)”;

8 (C) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following definitions apply:

11 “(1) BUSINESS ADVICE AND COUNSELING.—
12 The term ‘business advice and counseling’ means
13 providing advice and assistance on matters described
14 in subsection (c)(2)(B) to small business concerns to
15 guide them through the SBIR and STTR program
16 process, from application to award and successful
17 completion of each phase of the program.

18 “(2) FAST PROGRAM.—The term ‘FAST pro-
19 gram’ means the Federal and State Technology
20 Partnership Program established under section 9(s).

21 “(3) MENTOR.—The term ‘mentor’ means an
22 individual described in subsection (c)(2).

23 “(4) MENTORING NETWORK.—The term ‘Men-
24 toring Network’ means an association, organization,

1 coalition, or other entity (including an individual)
 2 that meets the requirements of subsection (c).

3 “(5) RECIPIENT.—The term ‘recipient’ means a
 4 person that receives an award or becomes party to
 5 a cooperative agreement under this section.

6 “(6) SBIR PROGRAM.—The term ‘SBIR pro-
 7 gram’ has the same meaning as in section 9(e)(4).

8 “(7) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means each of
 9 the several States, the District of Columbia, the
 10 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands,
 11 Guam, and American Samoa.

12 “(8) STTR PROGRAM.—The term ‘STTR pro-
 13 gram’ has the same meaning as in section 9(e)(6).”;

14 (5) in section 36(d) (15 U.S.C. 657i(d)), as so
 15 redesignated, by striking “section 43” and inserting
 16 “section 42”;

17 (6) in section 39(d) (15 U.S.C. 657l(d)), as so
 18 redesignated, by striking “section 43” and inserting
 19 “section 42”; and

20 (7) in section 40(b) (15 U.S.C. 657m(b)), as so
 21 redesignated, by striking “section 43” and inserting
 22 “section 42”.

1 **SEC. 202. SBIR-STEM WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANT**
2 **PILOT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—From amounts
4 made available to carry out this section, the Administrator
5 shall establish a SBIR-STEM Workforce Development
6 Grant Pilot Program to encourage the business commu-
7 nity to provide workforce development opportunities for
8 college students, in the fields of science, technology, engi-
9 neering, and math (in this section referred to as “STEM
10 college students”), particularly those that are socially and
11 economically disadvantaged individuals, from rural areas,
12 or from areas with high unemployment, as determined by
13 the Administrator, by providing a SBIR bonus grant.

14 (b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES DEFINED.—In this section
15 the term “eligible entity” means a grantee receiving a
16 grant under the SBIR Program on the date of the bonus
17 grant under subsection (a) that provides an internship
18 program for STEM college students.

19 (c) AWARDS.—An eligible entity shall receive a bonus
20 grant equal to 10 percent of either a Phase I or Phase
21 II grant, as applicable, with a total award maximum of
22 not more than \$10,000 per year.

23 (d) EVALUATION.—Following the fourth year of
24 funding under this section, the Administrator shall submit
25 to Congress as part of the report under section 9(b)(7)
26 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(b)(7)) the re-

1 sults of the SBIR–STEM Workforce Development Grant
 2 Pilot Program.

3 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 4 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this sec-
 5 tion—

6 (1) \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;

7 (2) \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2012;

8 (3) \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2013;

9 (4) \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2014; and

10 (5) \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2015.

11 **SEC. 203. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR AWARDEES.**

12 Section 9(q) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
 13 638(q)) is amended—

14 (1) in paragraph (1)—

15 (A) by inserting “or STTR program” after
 16 “SBIR program”; and

17 (B) by striking “SBIR projects” and in-
 18 serting “SBIR or STTR projects”;

19 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “3 years” and
 20 inserting “5 years”; and

21 (3) in paragraph (3)—

22 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

23 (i) by inserting “or STTR” after
 24 “SBIR”; and

1 (ii) by striking “\$4,000” and insert-
2 ing “\$5,000”;

3 (B) by striking subparagraph (B) and in-
4 serting the following:

5 “(B) PHASE II.—A Federal agency de-
6 scribed in paragraph (1) may—

7 “(i) provide to the recipient of a
8 Phase II SBIR or STTR award, through a
9 vendor selected under paragraph (2), the
10 services described in paragraph (1), in an
11 amount equal to not more than \$5,000 per
12 year; or

13 “(ii) authorize the recipient of a
14 Phase II SBIR or STTR award to pur-
15 chase the services described in paragraph
16 (1), in an amount equal to not more than
17 \$5,000 per year, which shall be in addition
18 to the amount of the recipient’s award.”;
19 and

20 (C) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(C) FLEXIBILITY.—In carrying out sub-
22 paragraphs (A) and (B), each Federal agency
23 shall provide the allowable amounts to a recipi-
24 ent that meets the eligibility requirements
25 under the applicable subparagraph, if the re-

1 recipient requests to seek technical assistance
 2 from an individual or entity other than the ven-
 3 dor selected under paragraph (2) by the Fed-
 4 eral agency.

5 “(D) LIMITATION.—A Federal agency may
 6 not—

7 “(i) use the amounts authorized under
 8 subparagraph (A) or (B) unless the vendor
 9 selected under paragraph (2) provides the
 10 technical assistance to the recipient; or

11 “(ii) enter a contract with a vendor
 12 under paragraph (2) under which the
 13 amount provided for technical assistance is
 14 based on total number of Phase I or Phase
 15 II awards.”.

16 **SEC. 204. COMMERCIALIZATION READINESS PROGRAM AT**
 17 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9(y) of the Small Busi-
 19 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 638(y)) is amended—

20 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking
 21 “PILOT” and inserting “READINESS”;

22 (2) by striking “Pilot” each place that term ap-
 23 pears and inserting “Readiness”;

24 (3) in paragraph (1)—

1 (A) by inserting “or Small Business Tech-
 2 nology Transfer Program” after “Small Busi-
 3 ness Innovation Research Program”; and

4 (B) by adding at the end the following:
 5 “The authority to create and administer a Com-
 6 mercialization Readiness Program under this
 7 subsection may not be construed to eliminate or
 8 replace any other SBIR program or STTR pro-
 9 gram that enhances the insertion or transition
 10 of SBIR or STTR technologies, including any
 11 such program in effect on the date of enact-
 12 ment of the National Defense Authorization Act
 13 for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law 109–163;
 14 119 Stat. 3136).”;

15 (4) in paragraph (2), by inserting “or Small
 16 Business Technology Transfer Program” after
 17 “Small Business Innovation Research Program”;

18 (5) by striking paragraphs (5) and (6); and

19 (6) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
 20 lowing:

21 “(5) INSERTION INCENTIVES.—For any con-
 22 tract with a value of not less than \$100,000,000, the
 23 Secretary of Defense is authorized to—

1 “(A) establish goals for the transition of
2 Phase III technologies in subcontracting plans;
3 and

4 “(B) require a prime contractor on such a
5 contract to report the number and dollar
6 amount of contracts entered into by that prime
7 contractor for Phase III SBIR or STTR
8 projects.

9 “(6) GOAL FOR SBIR AND STTR TECHNOLOGY
10 INSERTION.—The Secretary of Defense shall—

11 “(A) set a goal to increase the number of
12 Phase II SBIR contracts and the number of
13 Phase II STTR contracts awarded by that Sec-
14 retary that lead to technology transition into
15 programs of record or fielded systems;

16 “(B) use incentives in effect on the date of
17 enactment of the SBIR/STTR Reauthorization
18 Act of 2010, or create new incentives, to en-
19 courage agency program managers and prime
20 contractors to meet the goal under subpara-
21 graph (A); and

22 “(C) include in the annual report to Con-
23 gress the percentage of contracts described in
24 subparagraph (A) awarded by that Secretary,
25 and information on the ongoing status of

1 projects funded through the Commercialization
 2 Readiness Program and efforts to transition
 3 these technologies into programs of record or
 4 fielded systems.”.

5 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
 6 Section 9(i)(1) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
 7 638(i)(1)) is amended by inserting “(including awards
 8 under subsection (y))” after “the number of awards”.

9 **SEC. 205. COMMERCIALIZATION READINESS PILOT PRO-**
 10 **GRAM FOR CIVILIAN AGENCIES.**

11 Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638),
 12 as amended by this Act, is amended by adding at the end
 13 the following:

14 “(ff) PILOT PROGRAM.—

15 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The head of each cov-
 16 ered Federal agency may allocate not more than 10
 17 percent of the funds allocated to the SBIR program
 18 and the STTR program of the covered Federal agen-
 19 cy—

20 “(A) for awards for technology develop-
 21 ment, testing, and evaluation of SBIR and
 22 STTR Phase II technologies; or

23 “(B) to support the progress of research or
 24 research and development conducted under the
 25 SBIR or STTR programs to Phase III.

1 “(2) APPLICATION BY FEDERAL AGENCY.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A covered Federal
3 agency may not establish a pilot program unless
4 the covered Federal agency makes a written ap-
5 plication to the Administrator, not later than
6 90 days before to the first day of the fiscal year
7 in which the pilot program is to be established,
8 that describes a compelling reason that addi-
9 tional investment in SBIR or STTR tech-
10 nologies is necessary, including unusually high
11 regulatory, systems integration, or other costs
12 relating to development or manufacturing of
13 identifiable, highly promising small business
14 technologies or a class of such technologies ex-
15 pected to substantially advance the mission of
16 the agency.

17 “(B) DETERMINATION.—The Adminis-
18 trator shall—

19 “(i) make a determination regarding
20 an application submitted under subpara-
21 graph (A) not later than 30 days before
22 the first day of the fiscal year for which
23 the application is submitted;

24 “(ii) publish the determination in the
25 Federal Register; and

1 “(iii) make a copy of the determina-
2 tion and any related materials available to
3 the Committee on Small Business and En-
4 trepreneurship of the Senate and the Com-
5 mittee on Small Business of the House of
6 Representatives.

7 “(3) MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF AWARD.—The head
8 of a covered Federal agency may not make an award
9 under a pilot program in excess of 3 times the dollar
10 amounts generally established for Phase II awards
11 under subsection (j)(2)(D) or (p)(2)(B)(ix).

12 “(4) REGISTRATION.—Any applicant that re-
13 ceives an award under a pilot program shall register
14 with the Administrator in a registry that is available
15 to the public.

16 “(5) REPORT.—The head of each covered Fed-
17 eral agency shall include in the annual report of the
18 covered Federal agency to the Administrator an
19 analysis of the various activities considered for inclu-
20 sion in the pilot program of the covered Federal
21 agency and a statement of the reasons why each ac-
22 tivity considered was included or not included, as the
23 case may be.

1 “(6) TERMINATION.—The authority to establish
2 a pilot program under this section expires at the end
3 of fiscal year 2014.

4 “(7) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

5 “(A) the term ‘covered Federal agency’—

6 “(i) means a Federal agency partici-
7 pating in the SBIR program or the STTR
8 program; and

9 “(ii) does not include the Department
10 of Defense; and

11 “(B) the term ‘pilot program’ means the
12 program established under paragraph (1).”.

13 **SEC. 206. ACCELERATING CURES.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Small Business Act (15
15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section
16 42, as redesignated by section 201 of this Act, the fol-
17 lowing:

18 **“SEC. 43. SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH PRO-**
19 **GRAM.**

20 “(a) NIH CURES PILOT.—

21 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—An independent advi-
22 sory board shall be established at the National Acad-
23 emy of Sciences (in this section referred to as the
24 ‘advisory board’) to conduct periodic evaluations of
25 the SBIR program (as that term is defined in sec-

tion 9) of each of the National Institutes of Health (referred to in this section as the ‘NIH’) institutes and centers for the purpose of improving the management of the SBIR program through data-driven assessment.

“(2) MEMBERSHIP.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The advisory board shall consist of—

“(i) the Director of the NIH;

“(ii) the Director of the SBIR program of the NIH;

“(iii) senior NIH agency managers, selected by the Director of NIH;

“(iv) industry experts, selected by the Council of the National Academy of Sciences in consultation with the Associate Administrator for Technology of the Administration and the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy; and

“(v) owners or operators of small business concerns that have received an award under the SBIR program of the NIH, selected by the Associate Administrator for Technology of the Administration.

1 “(B) NUMBER OF MEMBERS.—The total
 2 number of members selected under clauses (iii),
 3 (iv), and (v) of subparagraph (A) shall not ex-
 4 ceed 10.

5 “(C) EQUAL REPRESENTATION.—The total
 6 number of members of the advisory board se-
 7 lected under clauses (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) of
 8 subparagraph (A) shall be equal to the number
 9 of members of the advisory board selected
 10 under subparagraph (A)(v).

11 “(b) ADDRESSING DATA GAPS.—In order to enhance
 12 the evidence-base guiding SBIR program decisions and
 13 changes, the Director of the SBIR program of the NIH
 14 shall address the gaps and deficiencies in the data collec-
 15 tion concerns identified in the 2007 report of the National
 16 Academies of Science entitled ‘An Assessment of the Small
 17 Business Innovation Research Program at the NIH’.

18 “(c) PILOT PROGRAM.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the SBIR
 20 program of the NIH may initiate a pilot program,
 21 under a formal mechanism for designing, imple-
 22 menting, and evaluating pilot programs, to spur in-
 23 novation and to test new strategies that may en-
 24 hance the development of cures and therapies.

1 “(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—The Director of the
2 SBIR program of the NIH may consider conducting
3 a pilot program to include individuals with success-
4 ful SBIR program experience in study sections, hir-
5 ing individuals with small business development ex-
6 perience for staff positions, separating the commer-
7 cial and scientific review processes, and examining
8 the impact of the trend toward larger awards on the
9 overall program.

10 “(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Director of the
11 NIH shall submit an annual report to Congress and the
12 advisory board on the activities of the SBIR program of
13 the NIH under this section.

14 “(e) SBIR GRANTS AND CONTRACTS.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In awarding grants and
16 contracts under the SBIR program of the NIH each
17 SBIR program manager shall emphasize applica-
18 tions that identify products, processes, technologies,
19 and services that may enhance the development of
20 cures and therapies.

21 “(2) EXAMINATION OF COMMERCIALIZATION
22 AND OTHER METRICS.—The advisory board shall
23 evaluate the implementation of the requirement
24 under paragraph (1) by examining increased com-

1 mercialization and other metrics, to be determined
2 and collected by the SBIR program of the NIH.

3 “(3) PHASE I AND II.—To the greatest extent
4 practicable, the Director of the SBIR program of
5 the NIH shall reduce the time period between Phase
6 I and Phase II funding of grants and contracts
7 under the SBIR program of the NIH to 90 days.

8 “(f) LIMIT.—Not more than a total of 1 percent of
9 the extramural budget (as defined in section 9 of the
10 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638)) of the NIH for re-
11 search or research and development may be used for the
12 pilot program under subsection (c) and to carry out sub-
13 section (e).”.

14 (b) PROSPECTIVE REPEAL.—Effective 5 years after
15 the date of enactment of this Act, the Small Business Act
16 (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is amended—

17 (1) by striking section 43, as added by sub-
18 section (a); and

19 (2) by redesignating sections 44 and 45 as sec-
20 tions 43 and 44, respectively.

1 **SEC. 207. FEDERAL AGENCY ENGAGEMENT WITH SBIR AND**
 2 **STTR AWARDEES THAT HAVE BEEN AWARDED**
 3 **MULTIPLE PHASE I AWARDS BUT HAVE NOT**
 4 **BEEN AWARDED PHASE II AWARDS.**

5 Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638),
 6 as amended by this Act, is amended by adding at the end
 7 the following:

8 “(gg) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO FEDERAL
 9 AGENCY ENGAGEMENT WITH CERTAIN PHASE I SBIR
 10 AND STTR AWARDEES.—

11 “(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
 12 ‘covered awardee’ means a small business concern
 13 that—

14 “(A) has received multiple Phase I awards
 15 over multiple years, as determined by the head
 16 of a Federal agency, under the SBIR program
 17 or the STTR program of the Federal agency;
 18 and

19 “(B) has not received a Phase II award—

20 “(i) under the SBIR program or
 21 STTR program, as the case may be, of the
 22 Federal agency described in subparagraph
 23 (A); or

24 “(ii) relating to a Phase I award de-
 25 scribed in subparagraph (A) under the

1 SBIR program or the STTR program of
2 another Federal agency.

3 “(2) PERFORMANCE MEASURES.—The head of
4 each Federal agency that participates in the SBIR
5 program or the STTR program shall develop per-
6 formance measures for any covered awardee relating
7 to commercializing research or research and develop-
8 ment activities under the SBIR program or the
9 STTR program of the Federal agency.”.

10 **SEC. 208. CLARIFYING THE DEFINITION OF “PHASE III”.**

11 (a) PHASE III AWARDS.—Section 9(e) of the Small
12 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(e)) is amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (4)(C), in the matter pre-
14 ceding clause (i), by inserting “for work that derives
15 from, extends, or completes efforts made under prior
16 funding agreements under the SBIR program” after
17 “phase”;

18 (2) in paragraph (6)(C), in the matter pre-
19 ceding clause (i), by inserting “for work that derives
20 from, extends, or completes efforts made under prior
21 funding agreements under the STTR program” after
22 “phase”;

23 (3) in paragraph (8), by striking “and” at the
24 end;

1 (4) in paragraph (9), by striking the period at
 2 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

3 (5) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(10) the term ‘commercialization’ means—

5 “(A) the process of developing products,
 6 processes, technologies, or services; and

7 “(B) the production and delivery of prod-
 8 ucts, processes, technologies, or services for sale
 9 (whether by the originating party or by others)
 10 to or use by the Federal Government or com-
 11 mercial markets;”.

12 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—
 13 The Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is amend-
 14 ed—

15 (1) in section 9 (15 U.S.C. 638)—

16 (A) in subsection (e)—

17 (i) in paragraph (4)(C)(ii), by striking
 18 “scientific review criteria” and inserting
 19 “merit-based selection procedures”;

20 (ii) in paragraph (9), by striking “the
 21 second or the third phase” and inserting
 22 “Phase II or Phase III”; and

23 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
 24 lowing:

25 “(11) the term ‘Phase I’ means—

1 “(A) with respect to the SBIR program,
2 the first phase described in paragraph (4)(A);
3 and

4 “(B) with respect to the STTR program,
5 the first phase described in paragraph (6)(A);

6 “(12) the term ‘Phase II’ means—

7 “(A) with respect to the SBIR program,
8 the second phase described in paragraph
9 (4)(B); and

10 “(B) with respect to the STTR program,
11 the second phase described in paragraph
12 (6)(B); and

13 “(13) the term ‘Phase III’ means—

14 “(A) with respect to the SBIR program,
15 the third phase described in paragraph (4)(C);
16 and

17 “(B) with respect to the STTR program,
18 the third phase described in paragraph
19 (6)(C).”;

20 (B) in subsection (j)—

21 (i) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking
22 “phase two” and inserting “Phase II”;

23 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

24 (I) in subparagraph (B)—

1 (aa) by striking “the third
2 phase” each place it appears and
3 inserting “Phase III”; and

4 (bb) by striking “the second
5 phase” and inserting “Phase II”;
6 (II) in subparagraph (D)—

7 (aa) by striking “the first
8 phase” and inserting “Phase I”;
9 and

10 (bb) by striking “the second
11 phase” and inserting “Phase II”;

12 (III) in subparagraph (F), by
13 striking “the third phase” and insert-
14 ing “Phase III”;

15 (IV) in subparagraph (G)—

16 (aa) by striking “the first
17 phase” and inserting “Phase I”;
18 and

19 (bb) by striking “the second
20 phase” and inserting “Phase II”;

21 and

22 (V) in subparagraph (H)—

23 (aa) by striking “the first
24 phase” and inserting “Phase I”;

1 (bb) by striking “second
2 phase” each place it appears and
3 inserting “Phase II”; and

4 (cc) by striking “third
5 phase” and inserting “Phase
6 III”; and

7 (iii) in paragraph (3)—

8 (I) in subparagraph (A)—

9 (aa) by striking “the first
10 phase (as described in subsection
11 (e)(4)(A))” and inserting “Phase
12 I”;

13 (bb) by striking “the second
14 phase (as described in subsection
15 (e)(4)(B))” and inserting “Phase
16 II”; and

17 (cc) by striking “the third
18 phase (as described in subsection
19 (e)(4)(C))” and inserting “Phase
20 III”; and

21 (II) in subparagraph (B), by
22 striking “second phase” and inserting
23 “Phase II”;

24 (C) in subsection (k)—

1 (i) by striking “first phase” each
2 place it appears and inserting “Phase I”;
3 and

4 (ii) by striking “second phase” each
5 place it appears and inserting “Phase II”;
6 (D) in subsection (l)(2)—

7 (i) by striking “the first phase” and
8 inserting “Phase I”; and

9 (ii) by striking “the second phase”
10 and inserting “Phase II”;
11 (E) in subsection (o)(13)—

12 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking
13 “second phase” and inserting “Phase II”;
14 and

15 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
16 “third phase” and inserting “Phase III”;
17 (F) in subsection (p)—

18 (i) in paragraph (2)(B)—

19 (I) in clause (vi)—

20 (aa) by striking “the second
21 phase” and inserting “Phase II”;
22 and

23 (bb) by striking “the third
24 phase” and inserting “Phase
25 III”; and

1 (II) in clause (ix)—

2 (aa) by striking “the first
3 phase” and inserting “Phase I”;
4 and

5 (bb) by striking “the second
6 phase” and inserting “Phase II”;
7 and

8 (ii) in paragraph (3)—

9 (I) by striking “the first phase
10 (as described in subsection
11 (e)(6)(A))” and inserting “Phase I”;

12 (II) by striking “the second
13 phase (as described in subsection
14 (e)(6)(B))” and inserting “Phase II”;
15 and

16 (III) by striking “the third phase
17 (as described in subsection
18 (e)(6)(A))” and inserting “Phase III”;

19 (G) in subsection (q)(3)—

20 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

21 (I) in the subparagraph heading,
22 by striking “FIRST PHASE” and in-
23 serting “PHASE I”; and

24 (II) by striking “first phase” and
25 inserting “Phase I”; and

1 (ii) in subparagraph (B)—

2 (I) in the subparagraph heading,
3 by striking “SECOND PHASE” and in-
4 serting “PHASE II”; and

5 (II) by striking “second phase”
6 and inserting “Phase II”;

7 (H) in subsection (r)—

8 (i) in the subsection heading, by strik-
9 ing “THIRD PHASE” and inserting
10 “PHASE III”;

11 (ii) in paragraph (1)—

12 (I) in the first sentence—

13 (aa) by striking “for the sec-
14 ond phase” and inserting “for
15 Phase II”;

16 (bb) by striking “third
17 phase” and inserting “Phase
18 III”; and

19 (cc) by striking “second
20 phase period” and inserting
21 “Phase II period”; and

22 (II) in the second sentence—

23 (aa) by striking “second
24 phase” and inserting “Phase II”;
25 and

1 (bb) by striking “third
2 phase” and inserting “Phase
3 III”; and

4 (iii) in paragraph (2), by striking
5 “third phase” and inserting “Phase III”;
6 and

7 (I) in subsection (u)(2)(B), by striking
8 “the first phase” and inserting “Phase I”; and
9 (2) in section 34(c)(2)(B)(vii) (15 U.S.C.
10 657e(c)(2)(B)(vii)), as redesignated by section 201
11 of this Act, by striking “third phase” and inserting
12 “Phase III”.

13 **SEC. 209. SHORTENED PERIOD FOR FINAL DECISIONS ON**
14 **PROPOSALS AND APPLICATIONS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9 of the Small Business
16 Act (15 U.S.C. 638) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (g)(4)—

18 (A) by inserting “(A)” after “(4)”;

19 (B) by adding “and” after the semicolon
20 at the end; and

21 (C) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(B) make a final decision on each proposal
23 submitted under the SBIR program—

24 “(i) not later than 90 days after the date
25 on which the solicitation closes; or

1 “(ii) if the Administrator authorizes an ex-
 2 tension for a solicitation, not later than 180
 3 days after the date on which the solicitation
 4 closes;”; and

5 (2) in subsection (o)(4)—

6 (A) by inserting “(A)” after “(4)”;

7 (B) by adding “and” after the semicolon
 8 at the end; and

9 (C) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(B) make a final decision on each proposal
 11 submitted under the STTR program—

12 “(i) not later than 90 days after the date
 13 on which the solicitation closes; or

14 “(ii) if the Administrator authorizes an ex-
 15 tension for a solicitation, not later than 180
 16 days after the date on which the solicitation
 17 closes;”.

18 (b) NIH PEER REVIEW PROCESS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 9 of the Small Busi-
 20 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 638), as amended by this Act,
 21 is amended by adding at the end the following:

22 “(hh) NIH PEER REVIEW PROCESS.—The Director
 23 of the National Institutes of Health may make an award
 24 under the SBIR program or the STTR program of the
 25 National Institutes of Health if the application for the

1 award has undergone technical and scientific peer review
 2 under section 492 of the Public Health Service Act (42
 3 U.S.C. 289a).”.

4 (2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-
 5 MENTS.—Section 105 of the National Institutes of
 6 Health Reform Act of 2006 (42 U.S.C. 284n) is
 7 amended—

8 (A) in subsection (a)(3)—

9 (i) by striking “A grant” and insert-
 10 ing “Except as provided in section 9(hh) of
 11 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
 12 638(hh)), a grant”; and

13 (ii) by striking “section 402(k)” and
 14 all that follows through “Act)” and insert-
 15 ing “section 402(l) of such Act”; and

16 (B) in subsection (b)(5)—

17 (i) by striking “A grant” and insert-
 18 ing “Except as provided in section 9(hh) of
 19 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
 20 638(hh)), a grant”; and

21 (ii) by striking “section 402(k)” and
 22 all that follows through “Act)” and insert-
 23 ing “section 402(l) of such Act”.

TITLE III—OVERSIGHT AND EVALUATION

SEC. 301. STREAMLINING ANNUAL EVALUATION REQUIRE- MENTS.

Section 9(b) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(b)), as amended by section 102 of this Act, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (7)—

(A) by striking “STTR programs, including the data” and inserting the following: “STTR programs, including—

“(A) the data”;

(B) by striking “(g)(10), (o)(9), and (o)(15), the number” and all that follows through “under each of the SBIR and STTR programs, and a description” and inserting the following: “(g)(8) and (o)(9); and

“(B) the number of proposals received from, and the number and total amount of awards to, HUBZone small business concerns and firms with venture capital investment (including those majority-owned and controlled by multiple venture capital operating companies) under each of the SBIR and STTR programs;

1 “(C) a description of the extent to which
 2 each Federal agency is increasing outreach and
 3 awards to firms owned and controlled by women
 4 and social or economically disadvantaged indi-
 5 viduals under each of the SBIR and STTR pro-
 6 grams;

7 “(D) general information about the imple-
 8 mentation of, and compliance with the alloca-
 9 tion of funds required under, subsection (cc) for
 10 firms owned in majority part by venture capital
 11 operating companies and participating in the
 12 SBIR program;

13 “(E) a detailed description of appeals of
 14 Phase III awards and notices of noncompliance
 15 with the SBIR Policy Directive and the STTR
 16 Policy Directive filed by the Administrator with
 17 Federal agencies; and

18 “(F) a description”; and

19 (2) by inserting after paragraph (7) the fol-
 20 lowing:

21 “(8) to coordinate the implementation of elec-
 22 tronic databases at each of the Federal agencies par-
 23 ticipating in the SBIR program or the STTR pro-
 24 gram, including the technical ability of the partici-
 25 pating agencies to electronically share data;”.

1 **SEC. 302. DATA COLLECTION FROM AGENCIES FOR SBIR.**

2 Section 9(g) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
3 638(g)) is amended—

4 (1) by striking paragraph (10);

5 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (8) and (9) as
6 paragraphs (9) and (10), respectively; and

7 (3) by inserting after paragraph (7) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(8) collect annually, and maintain in a com-
10 mon format in accordance with the simplified report-
11 ing requirements under subsection (v), such informa-
12 tion from awardees as is necessary to assess the
13 SBIR program, including information necessary to
14 maintain the database described in subsection (k),
15 including—

16 “(A) whether an awardee—

17 “(i) has venture capital or is majority-
18 owned and controlled by multiple venture
19 capital operating companies, and, if so—

20 “(I) the amount of venture cap-
21 ital that the awardee has received as
22 of the date of the award; and

23 “(II) the amount of additional
24 capital that the awardee has invested
25 in the SBIR technology;

26 “(ii) has an investor that—

1 “(I) is an individual who is not a
2 citizen of the United States or a law-
3 ful permanent resident of the United
4 States, and if so, the name of any
5 such individual; or

6 “(II) is a person that is not an
7 individual and is not organized under
8 the laws of a State or the United
9 States, and if so the name of any such
10 person;

11 “(iii) is owned by a woman or has a
12 woman as a principal investigator;

13 “(iv) is owned by a socially or eco-
14 nomically disadvantaged individual or has
15 a socially or economically disadvantaged
16 individual as a principal investigator;

17 “(v) received assistance under the
18 FAST program under section 34, as in ef-
19 fect on the day before the date of enact-
20 ment of the SBIR/STTR Reauthorization
21 Act of 2010, or the outreach program
22 under subsection (s);

23 “(vi) is a faculty member or a student
24 of an institution of higher education, as
25 that term is defined in section 101 of the

1 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
2 1001); or

3 “(vii) is located in a State described
4 in subsection (u)(3); and

5 “(B) a justification statement from the
6 agency, if an awardee receives an award in an
7 amount that is more than the award guidelines
8 under this section;”.

9 **SEC. 303. DATA COLLECTION FROM AGENCIES FOR STTR.**

10 Section 9(o) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
11 638(o)) is amended by striking paragraph (9) and insert-
12 ing the following:

13 “(9) collect annually, and maintain in a com-
14 mon format in accordance with the simplified report-
15 ing requirements under subsection (v), such informa-
16 tion from applicants and awardees as is necessary to
17 assess the STTR program outputs and outcomes, in-
18 cluding information necessary to maintain the data-
19 base described in subsection (k), including—

20 “(A) whether an applicant or awardee—

21 “(i) has venture capital or is majority-
22 owned and controlled by multiple venture
23 capital operating companies, and, if so—

24 “(I) the amount of venture cap-
25 ital that the applicant or awardee has

received as of the date of the application or award, as applicable; and

“(II) the amount of additional capital that the applicant or awardee has invested in the SBIR technology; “(ii) has an investor that—

“(I) is an individual who is not a citizen of the United States or a lawful permanent resident of the United States, and if so, the name of any such individual; or

“(II) is a person that is not an individual and is not organized under the laws of a State or the United States, and if so the name of any such person;

“(iii) is owned by a woman or has a woman as a principal investigator;

“(iv) is owned by a socially or economically disadvantaged individual or has a socially or economically disadvantaged individual as a principal investigator;

“(v) received assistance under the FAST program under section 34 or the outreach program under subsection (s);

1 “(vi) is a faculty member or a student
 2 of an institution of higher education, as
 3 that term is defined in section 101 of the
 4 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
 5 1001); or

6 “(vii) is located in a State in which
 7 the total value of contracts awarded to
 8 small business concerns under all STTR
 9 programs is less than the total value of
 10 contracts awarded to small business con-
 11 cerns in a majority of other States, as de-
 12 termined by the Administrator in biennial
 13 fiscal years, beginning with fiscal year
 14 2008, based on the most recent statistics
 15 compiled by the Administrator; and

16 “(B) if an awardee receives an award in an
 17 amount that is more than the award guidelines
 18 under this section, a statement from the agency
 19 that justifies the award amount;”.

20 **SEC. 304. PUBLIC DATABASE.**

21 Section 9(k)(1) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
 22 638(k)(1)) is amended—

23 (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and” at
 24 the end;

1 (2) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period
2 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(F) for each small business concern that
5 has received a Phase I or Phase II SBIR or
6 STTR award from a Federal agency, whether
7 the small business concern—

8 “(i) has venture capital and, if so,
9 whether the small business concern is reg-
10 istered as majority-owned and controlled
11 by multiple venture capital operating com-
12 panies as required under subsection
13 (cc)(4);

14 “(ii) is owned by a woman or has a
15 woman as a principal investigator;

16 “(iii) is owned by a socially or eco-
17 nomically disadvantaged individual or has
18 a socially or economically disadvantaged
19 individual as a principal investigator;

20 “(iv) received assistance under the
21 FAST program under section 34, as in ef-
22 fect on the day before the date of enact-
23 ment of the SBIR/STTR Reauthorization
24 Act of 2010, or the outreach program
25 under subsection (s); or

1 “(v) is owned by a faculty member or
 2 a student of an institution of higher edu-
 3 cation, as that term is defined in section
 4 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965
 5 (20 U.S.C. 1001).”.

6 **SEC. 305. GOVERNMENT DATABASE.**

7 Section 9(k) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
 8 638(k)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (2)—

10 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
 11 (A), by striking “Not later” and all that follows
 12 through “Act of 2000” and inserting “Not later
 13 than 90 days after the date of enactment of the
 14 SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act of 2010”;

15 (B) by striking subparagraph (C);

16 (C) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)
 17 and (B) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respec-
 18 tively;

19 (D) by inserting before subparagraph (B),
 20 as so redesignated, the following:

21 “(A) contains, for each small business con-
 22 cern that applies for, submits a proposal for, or
 23 receives an award under Phase I or Phase II of
 24 the SBIR program or the STTR program—

- 1 “(i) the name, size, and location, and
2 an identifying number assigned by the Ad-
3 ministration of the small business concern;
4 “(ii) an abstract of the project;
5 “(iii) the specific aims of the project;
6 “(iv) the number of employees of the
7 small business concern;
8 “(v) the names of key individuals that
9 will carry out the project;
10 “(vi) the percentage of effort each in-
11 dividual described in clause (iv) will con-
12 tribute to the project;
13 “(vii) whether the small business con-
14 cern is majority-owned and controlled by
15 multiple venture capital operating compa-
16 nies; and
17 “(viii) the Federal agency to which
18 the application is made, and contact infor-
19 mation for the person or office within the
20 Federal agency that is responsible for re-
21 viewing applications and making awards
22 under the SBIR program or the STTR
23 program;”;

1 (E) by redesignating subparagraphs (D),
2 and (E) as subparagraphs (E) and (F), respec-
3 tively;

4 (F) by inserting after subparagraph (C),
5 as so redesignated, the following:

6 “(D) includes, for each awardee—

7 “(i) the name, size, location, and any
8 identifying number assigned to the award-
9 ee by the Administrator;

10 “(ii) whether the awardee has venture
11 capital, and, if so—

12 “(I) the amount of venture cap-
13 ital as of the date of the award;

14 “(II) the percentage of ownership
15 of the awardee held by a venture cap-
16 ital operating company, including
17 whether the awardee is majority-
18 owned and controlled by multiple ven-
19 ture capital operating companies; and

20 “(III) the amount of additional
21 capital that the awardee has invested
22 in the SBIR technology, which infor-
23 mation shall be collected on an annual
24 basis;

1 “(iii) the names and locations of any
2 affiliates of the awardee;

3 “(iv) the number of employees of the
4 awardee;

5 “(v) the number of employees of the
6 affiliates of the awardee; and

7 “(vi) the names of, and the percent-
8 age of ownership of the awardee held by—

9 “(I) any individual who is not a
10 citizen of the United States or a law-
11 ful permanent resident of the United
12 States; or

13 “(II) any person that is not an
14 individual and is not organized under
15 the laws of a State or the United
16 States;”;

17 (G) in subparagraph (E), as so redesign-
18 nated, by striking “and” at the end;

19 (H) in subparagraph (F), as so redesign-
20 nated, by striking the period at the end and in-
21 serting “; and”; and

22 (I) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(G) includes a timely and accurate list of
24 any individual or small business concern that
25 has participated in the SBIR program or STTR

1 program that has committed fraud, waste, or
 2 abuse relating to the SBIR program or STTR
 3 program.”; and

4 (2) in paragraph (3), by adding at the end the
 5 following:

6 “(C) GOVERNMENT DATABASE.—Not later
 7 than 60 days after the date established by a
 8 Federal agency for submitting applications or
 9 proposals for a Phase I or Phase II award
 10 under the SBIR program or STTR program,
 11 the head of the Federal agency shall submit to
 12 the Administrator the data required under
 13 paragraph (2) with respect to each small busi-
 14 ness concern that applies or submits a proposal
 15 for the Phase I or Phase II award.”.

16 **SEC. 306. ACCURACY IN FUNDING BASE CALCULATIONS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
 18 date of enactment of this Act, and every year thereafter
 19 until the date that is 4 years after the date of enactment
 20 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States
 21 shall—

22 (1) conduct a fiscal and management audit of
 23 the SBIR program and the STTR program for the
 24 applicable period to—

1 (A) determine whether Federal agencies
2 comply with the expenditure amount require-
3 ments under subsections (f)(1) and (n)(1) of
4 section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
5 638), as amended by this Act;

6 (B) assess the extent of compliance with
7 the requirements of section 9(i)(2) of the Small
8 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(i)(2)) by Federal
9 agencies participating in the SBIR program or
10 the STTR program and the Administration;

11 (C) assess whether it would be more con-
12 sistent and effective to base the amount of the
13 allocations under the SBIR program and the
14 STTR program on a percentage of the research
15 and development budget of a Federal agency,
16 rather than the extramural budget of the Fed-
17 eral agency; and

18 (D) determine the portion of the extra-
19 mural research or research and development
20 budget of a Federal agency that each Federal
21 agency spends for administrative purposes re-
22 lating to the SBIR program or STTR program,
23 and for what specific purposes, including the
24 portion, if any, of such budget the Federal
25 agency spends for salaries and expenses, travel

1 to visit applicants, outreach events, marketing,
2 and technical assistance; and

3 (2) submit a report to the Committee on Small
4 Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate and
5 the Committee on Small Business of the House of
6 Representatives regarding the audit conducted under
7 paragraph (1), including the assessments required
8 under subparagraphs (B) and (C), and the deter-
9 mination made under subparagraph (D) of para-
10 graph (1).

11 (b) DEFINITION OF APPLICABLE PERIOD.—In this
12 section, the term “applicable period” means—

13 (1) for the first report submitted under this
14 section, the period beginning on October 1, 2004,
15 and ending on September 30 of the last full fiscal
16 year before the date of enactment of this Act for
17 which information is available; and

18 (2) for the second and each subsequent report
19 submitted under this section, the period—

20 (A) beginning on October 1 of the first fis-
21 cal year after the end of the most recent full
22 fiscal year relating to which a report under this
23 section was submitted; and

24 (B) ending on September 30 of the last
25 full fiscal year before the date of the report.

1 **SEC. 307. CONTINUED EVALUATION BY THE NATIONAL**
 2 **ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.**

3 Section 108 of the Small Business Reauthorization
 4 Act of 2000 (15 U.S.C. 638 note) is amended by adding
 5 at the end the following:

6 “(e) EXTENSIONS AND ENHANCEMENTS OF AUTHOR-
 7 ITY.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months
 9 after the date of enactment of the SBIR/STTR Re-
 10 authorization Act of 2010, the head of each agency
 11 described in subsection (a), in consultation with the
 12 Small Business Administration, shall cooperatively
 13 enter into an agreement with the National Academy
 14 of Sciences for the National Research Council to,
 15 not later than 4 years after the date of enactment
 16 of the SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act of 2010,
 17 and every 4 years thereafter—

18 “(A) continue the most recent study under
 19 this section relating to—

20 “(i) the issues described in subpara-
 21 graphs (A), (B), (C), and (E) of subsection
 22 (a)(1); and

23 “(ii) the effectiveness of the govern-
 24 ment and public databases described in
 25 section 9(k) of the Small Business Act (15
 26 U.S.C. 638(k)) in reducing vulnerabilities

1 of the SBIR program and the STTR pro-
2 gram to fraud, waste, and abuse, particu-
3 larly with respect to Federal agencies
4 funding duplicative proposals and business
5 concerns falsifying information in pro-
6 posals;

7 “(B) make recommendations with respect
8 to the issues described in subparagraph (A)(ii)
9 and subparagraphs (A), (D), and (E) of sub-
10 section (a)(2).

11 “(2) CONSULTATION.—An agreement under
12 paragraph (1) shall require the National Research
13 Council to ensure there is participation by and con-
14 sultation with the small business community, the
15 Administration, and other interested parties as de-
16 scribed in subsection (b).

17 “(3) REPORTING.—An agreement under para-
18 graph (1) shall require that not later than 4 years
19 after the date of enactment of the SBIR/STTR Re-
20 authorization Act of 2010, and every 4 years there-
21 after, the National Research Council shall submit to
22 the head of the agency entering into the agreement,
23 the Committee on Small Business and Entrepre-
24 neurship of the Senate, and the Committee on Small
25 Business of the House of Representatives a report

Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638),
as amended by this Act, is amended by adding at the end
the following:

“(1) the name of the agency or component of
the agency or the non-Federal source of capital mak-
ing the Phase III award;

18 “(3) the dollar amount of the Phase III
19 award.”.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study of the SBIR program to assess whether—

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1 nologies of SBIR awardees under section 9 of the
 2 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638);

3 (2) the laws and policy directives intended to
 4 clarify the scope of data rights, including in proto-
 5 types and mentor-protégé relationships and agree-
 6 ments with Federal laboratories, are sufficient to
 7 protect SBIR awardees; and

8 (3) there is an effective grievance tracking proc-
 9 ess for SBIR awardees who have grievances against
 10 a Federal agency regarding data rights and a proc-
 11 ess for resolving those grievances.

12 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
 13 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
 14 shall submit to the Committee on Small Business and En-
 15 trepreneurship of the Senate and the Committee on Small
 16 Business of the House of Representatives a report regard-
 17 ing the study conducted under subsection (a).

18 **SEC. 310. OBTAINING CONSENT FROM SBIR AND STTR AP-**
 19 **PLICANTS TO RELEASE CONTACT INFORMA-**
 20 **TION TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANI-**
 21 **ZATIONS.**

22 Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638),
 23 as amended by this Act, is amended by adding at the end
 24 the following:

1 “(jj) CONSENT TO RELEASE CONTACT INFORMATION
2 TO ORGANIZATIONS.—

3 “(1) ENABLING CONCERN TO GIVE CONSENT.—

4 Each Federal agency required by this section to con-
5 duct an SBIR program or an STTR program shall
6 enable a small business concern that is an SBIR ap-
7 plicant or an STTR applicant to indicate to the Fed-
8 eral agency whether the Federal agency has the con-
9 sent of the concern to—

10 “(A) identify the concern to appropriate
11 local and State-level economic development or-
12 ganizations as an SBIR applicant or an STTR
13 applicant; and

14 “(B) release the contact information of the
15 concern to such organizations.

16 “(2) RULES.—The Administrator shall estab-
17 lish rules to implement this subsection. The rules
18 shall include a requirement that a Federal agency
19 include in the SBIR and STTR application a provi-
20 sion through which the applicant can indicate con-
21 sent for purposes of paragraph (1).”.

1 **SEC. 311. PILOT TO ALLOW FUNDING FOR ADMINISTRA-**
 2 **TIVE, OVERSIGHT, AND CONTRACT PROC-**
 3 **ESSING COSTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9 of the Small Business
 5 Act (15 U.S.C. 638), as amended by this Act, is amended
 6 by adding at the end the following:

7 “(kk) ASSISTANCE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE, OVER-
 8 SIGHT, AND CONTRACT PROCESSING COSTS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (3),
 10 the Administrator shall allow each Federal agency
 11 required to conduct an SBIR program to use not
 12 more than 3 percent of the funds allocated to the
 13 SBIR program of the Federal agency—

14 “(A) for the first fiscal year beginning
 15 after the date of enactment of this subsection,
 16 and each fiscal year thereafter through fiscal
 17 year 2018, for costs relating to administrative,
 18 oversight, and contract processing activities for
 19 the SBIR program that the Federal agency was
 20 not carrying out during the last full fiscal year
 21 before the date of enactment of this subsection,
 22 including activities described in paragraph (2);
 23 and

24 “(B) for the first 3 fiscal years beginning
 25 after the date of enactment of this subsection,
 26 for—

1 “(i) administration of the SBIR pro-
2 gram or the STTR program;

3 “(ii) implementation of commercializa-
4 tion and outreach initiatives that were not
5 in effect on the date of enactment of this
6 subsection;

7 “(iii) carrying out the program under
8 subsection (y);

9 “(iv) activities relating to oversight
10 and congressional reporting, including the
11 waste, fraud, and abuse prevention activi-
12 ties described in section 313(a)(1)(B)(ii) of
13 the SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act of
14 2010;

15 “(v) carrying out subsection (cc);

16 “(vi) carrying out subsection (ff);

17 “(vii) contract processing costs relat-
18 ing to the SBIR program; and

19 “(viii) funding for additional per-
20 sonnel and assistance with application re-
21 views.

22 “(2) ACTIVITIES.—The activities described in
23 this paragraph include—

1 “(A) the administration of the SBIR pro-
2 gram or the STTR program of a Federal agen-
3 cy;

4 “(B) the provision of outreach and tech-
5 nical assistance relating to the SBIR program
6 of a Federal agency, including technical assist-
7 ance site visits and personnel interviews;

8 “(C) contract processing;

9 “(D) the implementation of oversight and
10 quality control measures, including verification
11 of reports and invoices and cost reviews; and

12 “(E) targeted reviews of recipients of
13 awards under the SBIR program that the head
14 of a Federal agency determines are at high risk
15 for fraud, waste, or abuse, to ensure compliance
16 with requirements of the SBIR program.

17 “(3) PERFORMANCE CRITERIA.—A Federal
18 agency may not use funds as authorized under para-
19 graph (1) until after the effective date of perform-
20 ance criteria, which the Administrator shall estab-
21 lish, to measure any benefits of using funds as au-
22 thorized under paragraph (1) and to assess continu-
23 ation of the authority under paragraph (1).

24 “(4) RULES.—Not later than 180 days after
25 the date of enactment of this subsection, the Admin-

1 administrator shall issue rules to carry out this sub-
 2 section.”.

3 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 9 of the Small Busi-
 5 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 638) is amended—

6 (A) in subsection (f)(2)(A), as so des-
 7 ignated by section 103(2) of this Act, by strik-
 8 ing “shall not” and all that follows through
 9 “make available for the purpose” and inserting
 10 “shall not make available for the purpose”; and

11 (B) in subsection (y), as amended by sec-
 12 tion 204—

13 (i) by striking paragraph (4);

14 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (5)
 15 and (6) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respec-
 16 tively.

17 (2) TRANSITIONAL RULE.—Notwithstanding the
 18 amendments made by paragraph (1), subsection
 19 (f)(2)(A) and (y)(4) of section 9 of the Small Busi-
 20 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 638), as in effect on the day
 21 before the date of enactment of this Act, shall con-
 22 tinue to apply to each Federal agency until the ef-
 23 fective date of the performance criteria established
 24 by the Administrator under subsection (kk)(3) of

1 section 9 of the Small Business Act, as added by
2 subsection (a).

3 **SEC. 312. GAO STUDY WITH RESPECT TO VENTURE CAPITAL**
4 **OPERATING COMPANY INVOLVEMENT.**

5 Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment
6 of this Act, and every 3 years thereafter, the Comptroller
7 General of the United States shall—

8 (1) conduct a study of the impact of require-
9 ments relating to venture capital operating company
10 involvement under section 9(cc) of the Small Busi-
11 ness Act, as added by section 108 of this Act; and

12 (2) submit to Congress a report regarding the
13 study conducted under paragraph (1).

14 **SEC. 313. REDUCING VULNERABILITY OF SBIR AND STTR**
15 **PROGRAMS TO FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE.**

16 (a) FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE PREVENTION.—

17 (1) GUIDELINES FOR FRAUD, WASTE, AND
18 ABUSE PREVENTION.—

19 (A) AMENDMENTS REQUIRED.—Not later
20 than 90 days after the date of enactment of
21 this Act, the Administrator shall amend the
22 SBIR Policy Directive and the STTR Policy
23 Directive to include measures to prevent fraud,
24 waste, and abuse in the SBIR program and the
25 STTR program.

1 (B) CONTENT OF AMENDMENTS.—The
2 amendments required under subparagraph (A)
3 shall include—

4 (i) definitions or descriptions of fraud,
5 waste, and abuse;

6 (ii) a requirement that the Inspectors
7 General of each Federal agency that par-
8 ticipates in the SBIR program or the
9 STTR program cooperate to—

10 (I) establish fraud detection indi-
11 cators;

12 (II) review regulations and oper-
13 ating procedures of the Federal agen-
14 cies;

15 (III) coordinate information
16 sharing between the Federal agencies;
17 and

18 (IV) improve the education and
19 training of, and outreach to—

20 (aa) administrators of the
21 SBIR program and the STTR
22 program of each Federal agency;

23 (bb) applicants to the SBIR
24 program or the STTR program;
25 and

1 (cc) recipients of awards
 2 under the SBIR program or the
 3 STTR program;

4 (iii) guidelines for the monitoring and
 5 oversight of applicants to and recipients of
 6 awards under the SBIR program or the
 7 STTR program; and

8 (iv) a requirement that each Federal
 9 agency that participates in the SBIR pro-
 10 gram or STTR program include the tele-
 11 phone number of the hotline established
 12 under paragraph (2)—

13 (I) on the website of the Federal
 14 agency; and

15 (II) in any solicitation or notice
 16 of funding opportunity issued by the
 17 Federal agency for the SBIR program
 18 or the STTR program.

19 (2) FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE PREVENTION
 20 HOTLINE.—

21 (A) HOTLINE ESTABLISHED.—The Admin-
 22 istrator shall establish a telephone hotline that
 23 allows individuals to report fraud, waste, and
 24 abuse in the SBIR program or STTR program.

1 (B) PUBLICATION.—The Administrator
2 shall include the telephone number for the hot-
3 line established under subparagraph (A) on the
4 website of the Administration.

5 (b) STUDY AND REPORT.—

6 (1) STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the
7 date of enactment of this Act, and every 3 years
8 thereafter, the Comptroller General of the United
9 States shall—

10 (A) conduct a study that evaluates—

11 (i) the implementation by each Fed-
12 eral agency that participates in the SBIR
13 program or the STTR program of the
14 amendments to the SBIR Policy Directive
15 and the STTR Policy Directive made pur-
16 suant to subsection (a);

17 (ii) the effectiveness of the manage-
18 ment information system of each Federal
19 agency that participates in the SBIR pro-
20 gram or STTR program in identifying du-
21 plicative SBIR and STTR projects;

22 (iii) the effectiveness of the risk man-
23 agement strategies of each Federal agency
24 that participates in the SBIR program or
25 STTR program in identifying areas of the

1 SBIR program or the STTR program that
2 are at high risk for fraud;

3 (iv) technological tools that may be
4 used to detect patterns of behavior that
5 may indicate fraud by applicants to the
6 SBIR program or the STTR program;

7 (v) the success of each Federal agency
8 that participates in the SBIR program or
9 STTR program in reducing fraud, waste,
10 and abuse in the SBIR program or the
11 STTR program of the Federal agency; and

12 (vi) the extent to which the Inspector
13 General of each Federal agency that par-
14 ticipates in the SBIR program or STTR
15 program effectively conducts investigations
16 of individuals alleged to have submitted
17 false claims or violated Federal law relat-
18 ing to fraud, conflicts of interest, bribery,
19 gratuity, or other misconduct; and

20 (B) submit to the Committee on Small
21 Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate,
22 the Committee on Small Business of the House
23 of Representatives, and the head of each Fed-
24 eral agency that participates in the SBIR pro-
25 gram or STTR program a report on the results

1 of the study conducted under subparagraph
2 (A).

3 **SEC. 314. INTERAGENCY POLICY COMMITTEE.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Director of the Office of
5 Science and Technology Policy (in this section referred to
6 as the “Director”), in conjunction with the Administrator,
7 shall establish an Interagency SBIR/STTR Policy Com-
8 mittee (in this section referred to as the “Committee”)
9 comprised of 1 representative from each Federal agency
10 with an SBIR program or an STTR program and 1 rep-
11 resentative of the Office of Management and Budget.

12 (b) COCHAIRPERSONS.—The Director and the Ad-
13 ministrator shall serve as cochairpersons of the Com-
14 mittee.

15 (c) DUTIES.—The Committee shall review, and make
16 policy recommendations on ways to improve the effective-
17 ness and efficiency of, the SBIR program and the STTR
18 program, including —

19 (1) reviewing the effectiveness of the public and
20 government databases described in section 9(k) of
21 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(k));

22 (2) identifying—

23 (A) best practices for commercialization
24 assistance by Federal agencies that have signifi-

1 cant potential to be employed by other Federal
2 agencies; and

3 (B) proposals by Federal agencies for ini-
4 tiatives to address challenges for small business
5 concerns in obtaining funding after a Phase II
6 award ends and before commercialization; and

7 (3) developing and incorporating a standard
8 evaluation framework to enable systematic assess-
9 ment of the SBIR program and STTR program, in-
10 cluding through improved tracking of awards and
11 outcomes and development of performance measures
12 for the SBIR program and STTR program of each
13 Federal agency.

14 (d) REPORTS.—The Committee shall submit to the
15 Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of
16 the Senate and the Committee on Science and Technology
17 and the Committee on Small Business of the House of
18 Representatives—

19 (1) a report on the review by and recommenda-
20 tions of the Committee under subsection (c)(1) not
21 later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this
22 Act;

23 (2) a report on the review by and recommenda-
24 tions of the Committee under subsection (c)(2) not

1 later than 18 months after the date of enactment of
 2 this Act; and

3 (3) a report on the review by and recommenda-
 4 tions of the Committee under subsection (c)(3) not
 5 later than 2 years after the date of enactment of
 6 this Act.

7 **TITLE IV—POLICY DIRECTIVES**

8 **SEC. 401. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO THE SBIR AND** 9 **THE STTR POLICY DIRECTIVES.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
 11 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall pro-
 12 mulgate amendments to the SBIR Policy Directive and
 13 the STTR Policy Directive to conform such directives to
 14 this Act and the amendments made by this Act.

15 (b) PUBLISHING SBIR POLICY DIRECTIVE AND THE
 16 STTR POLICY DIRECTIVE IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER.—
 17 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of
 18 this Act, the Administrator shall publish the amended
 19 SBIR Policy Directive and the amended STTR Policy Di-
 20 rective in the Federal Register.

21 **TITLE V—OTHER PROVISIONS**

22 **SEC. 501. RESEARCH TOPICS AND PROGRAM DIVERSIFICA-** 23 **TION.**

24 (a) SBIR PROGRAM.—Section 9(g) of the Small
 25 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(g)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (3)—

2 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
3 (A), by striking “broad research topics and to
4 topics that further 1 or more critical tech-
5 nologies” and inserting “applications to the
6 Federal agency for support of projects relating
7 to nanotechnology, rare diseases, security, en-
8 ergy, transportation, or improving the security
9 and quality of the water supply of the United
10 States, and the efficiency of water delivery sys-
11 tems and usage patterns in the United States
12 (including the territories of the United States)
13 through the use of technology (to the extent
14 that the projects relate to the mission of the
15 Federal agency), broad research topics, and
16 topics that further 1 or more critical tech-
17 nologies or research priorities”;

18 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or”
19 at the end; and

20 (C) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(C) the National Academy of Sciences, in
22 the final report issued by the ‘America’s Energy
23 Future: Technology Opportunities, Risks, and
24 Tradeoffs’ project, and in any subsequent re-

1 port by the National Academy of Sciences on
2 sustainability, energy, or alternative fuels;

3 “(D) the National Institutes of Health, in
4 the annual report on the rare diseases research
5 activities of the National Institutes of Health
6 for fiscal year 2005, and in any subsequent re-
7 port by the National Institutes of Health on
8 rare diseases research activities;

9 “(E) the National Academy of Sciences, in
10 the final report issued by the ‘Transit Research
11 and Development: Federal Role in the National
12 Program’ project and the report entitled
13 ‘Transportation Research, Development and
14 Technology Strategic Plan (2006-2010)’ issued
15 by the Research and Innovative Technology Ad-
16 ministration of the Department of Transpor-
17 tation, and in any subsequent report issued by
18 the National Academy of Sciences or the De-
19 partment of Transportation on transportation
20 and infrastructure; or

21 “(F) the national nanotechnology strategic
22 plan required under section 2(c)(4) of the 21st
23 Century Nanotechnology Research and Develop-
24 ment Act (15 U.S.C. 7501(c)(4)) and in any re-
25 port issued by the National Science and Tech-

1 nology Council Committee on Technology that
2 focuses on areas of nanotechnology identified in
3 such plan;” and

4 (2) by adding after paragraph (12), as added
5 by section 111(a) of this Act, the following:

6 “(13) encourage applications under the SBIR
7 program (to the extent that the projects relate to the
8 mission of the Federal agency)—

9 “(A) from small business concerns in geo-
10 graphic areas underrepresented in the SBIR
11 program or located in rural areas (as defined in
12 section 1393(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue
13 Code of 1986);

14 “(B) small business concerns owned and
15 controlled by women;

16 “(C) small business concerns owned and
17 controlled by veterans;

18 “(D) small business concerns owned and
19 controlled by Native Americans; and

20 “(E) small business concerns located in a
21 geographic area with an unemployment rates
22 that exceed the national unemployment rate,
23 based on the most recently available monthly
24 publications of the Bureau of Labor Statistics
25 of the Department of Labor.”.

1 (b) STTR PROGRAM.—Section 9(o) of the Small
2 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(o)), as amended by section
3 111(b) of this Act, is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (3)—

5 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
6 (A), by striking “broad research topics and to
7 topics that further 1 or more critical tech-
8 nologies” and inserting “applications to the
9 Federal agency for support of projects relating
10 to nanotechnology, security, energy, rare dis-
11 eases, transportation, or improving the security
12 and quality of the water supply of the United
13 States (to the extent that the projects relate to
14 the mission of the Federal agency), broad re-
15 search topics, and topics that further 1 or more
16 critical technologies or research priorities”;

17 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or”
18 at the end; and

19 (C) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(C) the National Academy of Sciences, in
21 the final report issued by the ‘America’s Energy
22 Future: Technology Opportunities, Risks, and
23 Tradeoffs’ project, and in any subsequent re-
24 port by the National Academy of Sciences on
25 sustainability, energy, or alternative fuels;

1 “(D) the National Institutes of Health, in
2 the annual report on the rare diseases research
3 activities of the National Institutes of Health
4 for fiscal year 2005, and in any subsequent re-
5 port by the National Institutes of Health on
6 rare diseases research activities;

7 “(E) the National Academy of Sciences, in
8 the final report issued by the ‘Transit Research
9 and Development: Federal Role in the National
10 Program’ project and the report entitled
11 ‘Transportation Research, Development and
12 Technology Strategic Plan (2006-2010)’ issued
13 by the Research and Innovative Technology Ad-
14 ministration of the Department of Transpor-
15 tation, and in any subsequent report issued by
16 the National Academy of Sciences or the De-
17 partment of Transportation on transportation
18 and infrastructure; or

19 “(F) the national nanotechnology strategic
20 plan required under section 2(c)(4) of the 21st
21 Century Nanotechnology Research and Develop-
22 ment Act (15 U.S.C. 7501(c)(4)) and in any re-
23 port issued by the National Science and Tech-
24 nology Council Committee on Technology that

1 focuses on areas of nanotechnology identified in
2 such plan;”;

3 (2) in paragraph (15), by striking “and” at the
4 end;

5 (3) in paragraph (16), by striking the period at
6 the end and inserting “; and”; and

7 (4) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(17) encourage applications under the STTR
9 program (to the extent that the projects relate to the
10 mission of the Federal agency)—

11 “(A) from small business concerns in geo-
12 graphic areas underrepresented in the STTR
13 program or located in rural areas (as defined in
14 section 1393(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue
15 Code of 1986);

16 “(B) small business concerns owned and
17 controlled by women;

18 “(C) small business concerns owned and
19 controlled by veterans;

20 “(D) small business concerns owned and
21 controlled by Native Americans; and

22 “(E) small business concerns located in a
23 geographic area with an unemployment rates
24 that exceed the national unemployment rate,
25 based on the most recently available monthly

1 publications of the Bureau of Labor Statistics
2 of the Department of Labor.”.

3 (c) **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOCUS.**—Section
4 9(x) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(x)) is
5 amended—

6 (1) by striking paragraph (2); and

7 (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
8 graph (2).

9 **SEC. 502. REPORT ON SBIR AND STTR PROGRAM GOALS.**

10 Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638),
11 as amended by this Act, is amended by adding at the end
12 the following:

13 “(ll) **ANNUAL REPORT ON SBIR AND STTR PRO-**
14 **GRAM GOALS.**—

15 “(1) **DEVELOPMENT OF METRICS.**—The head of
16 each Federal agency required to participate in the
17 SBIR program or the STTR program shall develop
18 metrics to evaluate the effectiveness, and the benefit
19 to the people of the United States, of the SBIR pro-
20 gram and the STTR program of the Federal agency
21 that—

22 “(A) are science-based and statistically
23 driven;

24 “(B) reflect the mission of the Federal
25 agency; and

1 “(C) include factors relating to the eco-
2 nomic impact of the programs.

3 “(2) EVALUATION.—The head of each Federal
4 agency described in paragraph (1) shall conduct an
5 annual evaluation using the metrics developed under
6 paragraph (1) of—

7 “(A) the SBIR program and the STTR
8 program of the Federal agency; and

9 “(B) the benefits to the people of the
10 United States of the SBIR program and the
11 STTR program of the Federal agency.

12 “(3) REPORT.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The head of each
14 Federal agency described in paragraph (1) shall
15 submit to the appropriate committees of Con-
16 gress and the Administrator an annual report
17 describing in detail the results of an evaluation
18 conducted under paragraph (2).

19 “(B) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF REPORT.—
20 The head of each Federal agency described in
21 paragraph (1) shall make each report submitted
22 under subparagraph (A) available to the public
23 online.

1 “(C) DEFINITION.—In this paragraph, the
 2 term ‘appropriate committees of Congress’
 3 means—

4 “(i) the Committee on Small Business
 5 and Entrepreneurship of the Senate; and

6 “(ii) the Committee on Small Busi-
 7 ness and the Committee on Science and
 8 Technology of the House of Representa-
 9 tives.”.

10 **SEC. 503. COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR**
 11 **SBIR AND STTR PROGRAMS.**

12 Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638),
 13 as amended by this Act, is amended by adding at the end
 14 the following:

15 “(mm) COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR
 16 SBIR AND STTR PROGRAMS.—All funds awarded, appro-
 17 priated, or otherwise made available in accordance with
 18 subsection (f) or (n) must be awarded pursuant to com-
 19 petitive and merit-based selection procedures.”.

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