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by partnering world-class entrepreneurs with Federal agencies.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

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and innovation by partnering world-class entrepreneurs
with Federal agencies.

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 “Federal Entrepreneur-
5 in-Residence Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act—

8 (1) the term “Administrator” means the Ad-
9 ministrator of the Small Business Administration;

1 (2) the term “agency” means an Executive
2 agency, as defined in section 105 of title 5, United
3 States Code;

4 (3) the term “Director” means the Director of
5 the Office of Personnel Management;

6 (4) the term “entrepreneur-in-residence” means
7 an individual appointed to a position under the pro-
8 gram;

9 (5) the term “program” means the Federal en-
10 trepreneur-in-residence program established under
11 section 3(a); and

12 (6) 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 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL ENTREPRENEUR-IN-RESIDENCE PRO-**
16 **GRAM.**

17 (a) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—The Director, in con-
18 sultation with the Administrator, shall establish a Federal
19 entrepreneur-in-residence program under which the Direc-
20 tor, with the concurrence of the head of an agency, may
21 appoint an entrepreneur-in-residence to a position in the
22 excepted service in the agency to carry out the duties de-
23 scribed in subsection (d).

24 (b) MISSION OF PROGRAM.—The mission of the pro-
25 gram shall be to—

1 (1) provide for better outreach by the Federal
2 Government to the private sector;

3 (2) strengthen coordination and interaction be-
4 tween the Federal Government and the private sec-
5 tor on issues relevant to entrepreneurs and small
6 business concerns; and

7 (3) make Federal programs simpler, quicker,
8 more efficient, and more responsive to the needs of
9 small business concerns and entrepreneurs.

10 (c) APPOINTMENTS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director—

12 (A) shall appoint entrepreneurs-in-resi-
13 dence under the program during each year; and

14 (B) may not appoint more than 10 entre-
15 preneurs-in-residence during any year.

16 (2) SELECTION.—The Director shall select en-
17 trepreneurs-in-residence from among individuals
18 who—

19 (A) are successful in their field;

20 (B) have demonstrated success in working
21 with small business concerns and entrepreneurs;

22 or

23 (C) have successfully developed, invented,
24 or created a product and brought the product
25 to the marketplace.

1 (3) PLACEMENT.—In appointing entrepreneurs-
2 in-residence, the Director shall—

3 (A) give priority to placing entrepreneurs-
4 in-residence across the Federal Government at
5 separate agencies; and

6 (B) to the extent practicable, not appoint
7 more than 2 entrepreneurs-in-residence to posi-
8 tions in the same agency during the same year.

9 (4) TERMS OF APPOINTMENT.—An entre-
10 preneur-in-residence—

11 (A) shall be a full-time employee of the
12 agency to which the entrepreneur-in-residence is
13 appointed; and

14 (B) may not serve as an entrepreneur-in-
15 residence for more than a period of 2 years.

16 (d) DUTIES.—An entrepreneur-in-residence shall—

17 (1) assist Federal agencies in improving out-
18 reach to small business concerns and entrepreneurs;

19 (2) provide recommendations to the head of the
20 agency employing the entrepreneur-in-residence on
21 inefficient or duplicative programs, if any, at the
22 agency;

23 (3) provide recommendations to the head of the
24 agency employing the entrepreneur-in-residence on
25 methods to improve program efficiency at the agency

1 or new initiatives, if any, that may be instituted at
2 the agency;

3 (4) facilitate meetings and forums to educate
4 small business concerns and entrepreneurs on pro-
5 grams or initiatives of the agency employing the en-
6 trepreneur-in-residence;

7 (5) facilitate in-service sessions with employees
8 of the agency employing the entrepreneur-in-resi-
9 dence on issues of concern to entrepreneurs and
10 small business concerns; and

11 (6) provide technical assistance or mentorship
12 to small business concerns and entrepreneurs in ac-
13 cessing programs at the agency employing the entre-
14 preneur-in-residence.

15 (e) COMPENSATION.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The rate of basic pay for an
17 entrepreneur-in-residence shall be equivalent to the
18 rate of basic pay for a position at GS–13, GS–14,
19 or GS–15 of the General Schedule, which shall be
20 determined in accordance with regulations promul-
21 gated by the Director.

22 (2) PROMOTION.—If an entrepreneur-in-resi-
23 dence with a rate of pay equivalent to the rate of
24 basic pay for a position at GS–13 or GS–14 satis-
25 factorily completes 1 year of service in position

1 under this section, the entrepreneur-in-residence
2 may receive an increase in the rate of basic pay to
3 be equal to the rate of basic pay for a position 1
4 grade higher on the General Schedule than the ini-
5 tial rate of basic pay of the entrepreneur-in-resi-
6 dence.

7 (f) REPORTING.—An entrepreneur-in-residence shall
8 report directly to the head of the agency employing the
9 entrepreneur-in-residence.

10 (g) TERMINATION.—The Director may not appoint
11 an entrepreneur-in-residence under this section after Sep-
12 tember 30, 2016.

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