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To establish a pilot program to assist in expanding and diversifying the business of small business concerns that rely on amounts awarded for Federal contracts and subcontracts.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. UDALL of New Mexico introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “American Diversifica-
5 tion and Progress in Trade Act of 2014” or the “ADAPT
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act—

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

4 (2) the term “covered small business concern”
5 means a small business concern for which the major-
6 ity of the business of the small business concern con-
7 sists of amounts awarded under Federal contracts
8 and subcontracts;

9 (3) the term “pilot program” means the pilot
10 program established under section 3(a);

11 (4) the terms “small business concern”, “small
12 business concern owned and controlled by service-
13 disabled veterans”, “small business concern owned
14 and controlled by women”, and “small business de-
15 velopment center” have the meanings given those
16 terms under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15
17 U.S.C. 632);

18 (5) the term “socially and economically dis-
19 advantaged small business concern” has the mean-
20 ing given that term under section 8(a)(4)(A) of the
21 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(4)(A)); and

22 (6) the term “women’s business center” means
23 a women’s business center described in section 29 of
24 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656).

1 **SEC. 3. PILOT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after
3 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall
4 establish a pilot program to assist in expanding and diver-
5 sifying the business of covered small business concerns,
6 particularly in geographic areas, including rural areas,
7 where amounts awarded for Federal contracts and sub-
8 contracts are a significant driver of the economy in that
9 area.

10 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out the pilot pro-
11 gram, the Administrator shall—

12 (1) create services and materials that provide
13 best practices, strategies, and other information on
14 expanding and diversifying the customer base of a
15 covered small business concern;

16 (2) make available on a regular basis and
17 throughout the United States the services provided
18 under the American Supplier Initiative of the Ad-
19 ministration, including at small business develop-
20 ment centers and women’s business centers; and

21 (3) create a website for businesses that contract
22 with the Federal Government, including covered
23 small business concerns and medium-sized busi-
24 nesses, to easily access information on expanding
25 and diversifying the customer base of the business.

1 (c) TERMINATION.—The pilot program shall termi-
2 nate on the date that is 2 years after the date on which
3 the pilot program is established.

4 (d) REPORTS.—

5 (1) STATUS OF PILOT PROGRAM.—Not later
6 than 18 months after the date on which the Admin-
7 istrator establishes the pilot program, the Adminis-
8 trator shall submit to Congress a report on the sta-
9 tus of the pilot program.

10 (2) ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS.—Not later
11 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act,
12 the Administrator shall submit to Congress a report
13 on how the Administration is addressing the need
14 for covered small business concerns to expand and
15 diversify business during periods of decline in
16 amounts appropriated for Federal contracting, in-
17 cluding an analysis of how such declines would im-
18 pact growth among covered small business concerns,
19 particularly covered small business concerns that are
20 small business concerns owned and controlled by
21 service-disabled veterans, small business concerns
22 owned and controlled by women, and socially and
23 economically disadvantaged small business concerns.

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