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To amend section 9(g) of the Small Business Act to require the Federal agencies with an SBIR or STTR program to collect and make available additional information on recipients of awards under such program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONAWAY (for himself and Ms. SIMON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “SBIR/STTR Website
5 Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS TO WEBSITE RELATING TO THE**
2 **SBIR PROGRAM OR STTR PROGRAM.**

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

5 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at
6 the end;

7 (2) in subparagraph (C), by adding “and” at
8 the end; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 paragraph:

11 “(D) for each research institution subcon-
12 tracted by a recipient of a Phase I, Phase II,
13 or Phase III SBIR award to perform research
14 or research and development with respect to
15 such award—

16 “(i) the name and location of such re-
17 search institution;

18 “(ii) whether such research institution
19 is—

20 “(I) an institution of higher edu-
21 cation (as such term is defined in sec-
22 tion 101 of the Higher Education Act
23 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001));

24 “(II) a nonprofit institution (as
25 defined in section 4 of the Stevenson-
26 Wydler Technology Innovation Act of

1 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3703)) other than an
2 institution of higher education; or

3 “(III) a federally funded research
4 and development center (as identified
5 by the National Scientific Foundation
6 in accordance with the Federal Acqui-
7 sition Regulation); and

8 “(iii) for each research institution
9 that is an institution of higher education,
10 whether such research institution is—

11 “(I) a part B institution (as de-
12 fined in section 322 the Higher Edu-
13 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061));

14 “(II) a Hispanic-serving institu-
15 tion (as defined in section 502 of such
16 Act (20 U.S.C. 1101a));

17 “(III) a Tribal College or Univer-
18 sity (as defined in section 316 of such
19 Act (20 U.S.C. 1059c));

20 “(IV) an Alaska Native-serving
21 institution or a Native Hawaiian-serv-
22 ing institution (as defined in section
23 317(b) of such Act (20 U.S.C.
24 1059d(b)));

1 “(V) a Predominantly Black In-
 2 stitution (as defined in section 371(c)
 3 of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1067q(c)));

4 “(VI) an Asian American and
 5 Native American Pacific Islander-
 6 serving institution (as defined in sec-
 7 tion 371(c) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 10
 8 1067q(c))); or

9 “(VII) a Native American-serving
 10 nontribal institution (as defined in
 11 section 371(c) of such Act (20 U.S.C.
 12 1067q(c)));”.

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

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

17 (2) in subparagraph (C), by adding “and” at
 18 the end; and

19 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 20 paragraph:

21 “(D) for each research institution subcon-
 22 tracted by a recipient of a Phase I or Phase II
 23 STTR award to perform research or research
 24 and development with respect to such award—

1 “(i) the name and location of such re-
2 search institution;

3 “(ii) whether such research institution
4 is—

5 “(I) an institution of higher edu-
6 cation (as such term is defined in sec-
7 tion 101 of the Higher Education Act
8 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001));

9 “(II) a nonprofit institution (as
10 defined in section 4 of the Stevenson-
11 Wydler Technology Innovation Act of
12 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3703)) other than an
13 institution of higher education; or

14 “(III) a federally funded research
15 and development center (as identified
16 by the National Scientific Foundation
17 in accordance with the Federal Acqui-
18 sition Regulation); and

19 “(iii) for each research institution
20 that is an institution of higher education,
21 whether such research institution is—

22 “(I) a part B institution (as de-
23 fined in section 322 the Higher Edu-
24 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061));

1 “(II) a Hispanic-serving institu-
 2 tion (as defined in section 502 of such
 3 Act (20 U.S.C. 1101a));

4 “(III) a Tribal College or Univer-
 5 sity (as defined in section 316 of such
 6 Act (20 U.S.C. 1059c));

7 “(IV) an Alaska Native-serving
 8 institution or a Native Hawaiian-serv-
 9 ing institution (as defined in section
 10 317(b) of such Act (20 U.S.C.
 11 1059d(b)));

12 “(V) a Predominantly Black In-
 13 stitution (as defined in section 371(c)
 14 of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1067q(c)));

15 “(VI) an Asian American and
 16 Native American Pacific Islander-
 17 serving institution (as defined in sec-
 18 tion 371(c) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 25
 19 1067q(c))); or

20 “(VII) a Native American-serving
 21 nontribal institution (as defined in
 22 section 371(c) of such Act (20 U.S.C.
 23 1067q(c)));”.

24 (c) DATABASE REPORTING.—

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

3 (A) by striking “Phase I or Phase II SBIR
4 or STTR” each place it appears and inserting
5 “Phase I, Phase II, or Phase III SBIR or
6 STTR”;

7 (B) in paragraph (1)(B)—

8 (i) in clause (ii), by striking “and” at
9 the end;

10 (ii) in clause (iii), by adding “and” at
11 the end; and

12 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
13 lowing new clause:

14 “(iv) information regarding any re-
15 search institution subcontracted by such
16 small business concern to perform research
17 or research and development with respect
18 to such award, including—

19 “(I) the name and location of
20 such research institution;

21 “(II) whether such research insti-
22 tution is—

23 “(aa) an institution of high-
24 er education (as such term is de-
25 fined in section 101 of the High-

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

3 “(bb) a nonprofit institution
4 (as defined in section 4 of the
5 Stevenson-Wydler Technology In-
6 novation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C.
7 3703)) other than an institution
8 of higher education; or

9 “(cc) a federally funded re-
10 search and development center
11 (as identified by the National
12 Scientific Foundation in accord-
13 ance with the Federal Acquisition
14 Regulation); and

15 “(III) for each research institu-
16 tion that is an institution of higher
17 education (as such term is defined in
18 section 101 of the Higher Education
19 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)),
20 whether such research institution is
21 an institution described in paragraphs
22 (1) through (7) of section 371(a) of
23 such Act (20 U.S.C. 1067q(a));”;

24 (C) in paragraph (2)—

1 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
2 “Phase I or Phase II of the SBIR program
3 or the STTR” and inserting “Phase I,
4 Phase II, or Phase III of the SBIR pro-
5 gram or the STTR”;

6 (ii) in subparagraph (F), by striking
7 “and” at the end;

8 (iii) in subparagraph (G)(ii), by strik-
9 ing the period at the end and inserting “;
10 and”; and

11 (iv) by adding at the end the following
12 new subparagraph:

13 “(H) contains information for each re-
14 search institution subcontracted by a recipient
15 of a Phase I, Phase II, or Phase III STTR or
16 SBIR award to perform research or research
17 and development with respect to such award,
18 including—

19 “(i) the name and location of such re-
20 search institution;

21 “(ii) whether such research institution
22 is—

23 “(I) an institution of higher edu-
24 cation (as such term is defined in sec-

tion 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001));

“(II) a nonprofit institution (as defined in section 4 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3703)) other than an institution of higher education; or

“(III) a federally funded research and development center (as identified by the National Scientific Foundation in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation); and

“(iii) for each research institution that is an institution of higher education (as such term is defined in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)), whether such research institution is an institution described in paragraphs (1) through (7) of section 371(a) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1067q(a)).”; and

(D) in paragraph (3)(C), by striking “Phase I or Phase II award” each place it appears and inserting “Phase I, Phase II, or Phase III award”.

1 (2) DATABASE UPDATE DEADLINE.—Notwith-
2 standing paragraphs (1) or (2) of section 9(k) of the
3 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(k)), the Admin-
4 istrator shall, not later than 1 year after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, include—

6 (A) in the database described such para-
7 graph (1) the information required under such
8 paragraph, as amended by subparagraphs (A)
9 and (B) of paragraph (1) of this Act; and

10 (B) in the database described such para-
11 graph (2) the information required under such
12 paragraph, as amended by subparagraphs (A)
13 and (C) of paragraph (1) of this Act.

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