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To require the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy to establish a repository of supplier information to facilitate the qualification of suppliers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHMIDT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

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 “Common Repository
5 for Small Businesses Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMON REPOSITORY FOR SUPPLIER INFORMA-**
2 **TION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary
5 of Defense for Industrial Base Policy shall establish a re-
6 pository of information commonly required for the initial
7 vetting by the Department of Defense of contractors ap-
8 plying to be qualified to supply products or services to the
9 Department.

10 (b) COORDINATED EFFORTS.—The Assistant Sec-
11 retary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy shall develop
12 the repository required under subsection (a) in conjunction
13 with or as part of other efforts of an Office of Small Busi-
14 ness Programs of the Department of Defense to provide
15 market research, supply chain resiliency, cybersecurity,
16 and secure cloud tools to entities furnishing procurement
17 technical assistance under chapter 388 of title 10, United
18 States Code, and small manufacturers.

19 (c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—The Assistant Sec-
20 retary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy may enter
21 into a public-private partnership or cooperative agreement
22 with one or more contractors of the Department of De-
23 fense in establishing the repository required by subsection
24 (a) if the Assistant Secretary determines that such reposi-
25 tory—

1 (1) would reduce duplicative efforts or reduce
2 the time spent by potential suppliers in providing
3 similar information to multiple prime contractors; or

4 (2) would streamline or reduce the cost of a
5 prime contractor qualifying a supplier for products
6 or services to be provided to the Department.

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