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To provide for Department of Energy and Small Business Administration joint research and development activities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LALOTA (for himself, Ms. MORRISON, and Mr. THANEDAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, 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

To provide for Department of Energy and Small Business Administration joint research and development activities, 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 “DOE and SBA Re-
5 search Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND SMALL BUSINESS**
2 **ADMINISTRATION JOINT RESEARCH AND DE-**
3 **VELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Energy and the
5 Administrator of the Small Business Administration (in
6 this section referred to as the “covered officials”) shall
7 enter into a memorandum of understanding or other ap-
8 propriate agreement to carry out cross-cutting and col-
9 laborative research and development activities focused on
10 the joint advancement of Department of Energy and
11 Small Business Administration mission requirements and
12 priorities.

13 (b) **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OR AGREE-**
14 **MENT.**—The covered officials shall carry out and coordi-
15 nate the activities described in subsection (a) by entering
16 into one or more memoranda of understanding or other
17 appropriate agreements, as jointly determined by the cov-
18 ered officials.

19 (c) **INCLUSION OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS.**—In
20 carrying out the activities described in subsection (a), the
21 covered officials shall ensure the inclusion of small busi-
22 ness concerns (as defined under section 3 of the Small
23 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632)) in such activities, as appro-
24 priate.

1 (d) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out the ac-
2 tivities described in subsection (a), the covered officials
3 may—

4 (1) carry out reimbursable agreements between
5 the Department of Energy, the Small Business Ad-
6 ministration, and appropriate entities in order to
7 maximize the effectiveness of research and develop-
8 ment activities carried out pursuant to a memo-
9 randum or agreement described in subsection (b);
10 and

11 (2) collaborate with other Federal agencies as
12 appropriate to carry out such activities.

13 (e) REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date
14 of the enactment of this Act, the covered officials shall
15 submit to Congress a report on activities carried out pur-
16 suant to a memorandum or agreement described in sub-
17 section (b) that includes the following:

18 (1) Coordination between the covered officials
19 involved in such activities.

20 (2) Potential opportunities to expand the tech-
21 nical capabilities of the Department of Energy and
22 the Small Business Administration.

23 (3) Collaborative research achievements.

24 (4) Areas of future mutually beneficial success.

1 (5) Continuation of coordination activities be-
2 tween the Department of Energy and the Small
3 Business Administration.

4 (f) RESEARCH SECURITY.—The activities carried out
5 pursuant to a memorandum or agreement described in
6 subsection (b) shall be applied in a manner consistent with
7 subtitle D of title VI of the Research and Development,
8 Competition, and Innovation Act (Public Law 117–167;
9 42 U.S.C. 19231 et seq.).

10 **SEC. 3. COMPLIANCE WITH CUTGO.**

11 No additional amounts are authorized to be appro-
12 priated to carry out this Act or the amendments made
13 by this Act.

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