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To establish an intergovernmental grant program to identify and develop homeland security information, equipment, capabilities, technologies, and services to further the homeland security of the United States and to address the homeland security needs of Federal, State, and local governments.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 8, 2004

Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

A BILL

To establish an intergovernmental grant program to identify and develop homeland security information, equipment, capabilities, technologies, and services to further the homeland security of the United States and to address the homeland security needs of Federal, State, and local governments.

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. TECHNOLOGY CLEARINGHOUSE.**

4 Section 430 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
5 (6 U.S.C. 238) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (c)—

1 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (7) and
2 (8) as paragraphs (8) and (9), respectively; and

3 (B) by inserting after paragraph (6) the
4 following:

5 “(7) establishing a program to identify, develop,
6 or modify existing or near term homeland security
7 information, equipment, capabilities, technologies,
8 and services to further the homeland security of the
9 United States and to address the homeland security
10 needs of Federal, State, and local governments;”;

11 (2) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
12 section (e); and

13 (3) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
14 lowing:

15 “(d) HOMELAND SECURITY INFORMATION, EQUIP-
16 MENT, CAPABILITIES, TECHNOLOGIES, AND SERVICES
17 GRANT PROGRAM.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In developing the program
19 established under subsection (c)(7), the Secretary,
20 acting through the Director of the Office for Domes-
21 tic Preparedness and in consultation with the Under
22 Secretary for Science and Technology, shall—

23 “(A) conduct a needs assessment of Fed-
24 eral, State, and local governments and first re-
25 sponders to identify—

1 “(i) the homeland security needs of
2 Federal, State, and local governments and
3 first responders; and

4 “(ii) areas where specific homeland
5 security information, equipment, capabili-
6 ties, technologies, and services could ad-
7 dress those needs;

8 “(B) survey near term and existing home-
9 land security information, equipment, capabili-
10 ties, technologies, and services developed within
11 the United States and within other countries
12 that—

13 “(i) are highly focused on homeland
14 security issues; and

15 “(ii) have demonstrated the capability
16 for fruitful cooperation with the United
17 States in the area of counterterrorism; and

18 “(C) provide grants, directly or through a
19 nonprofit, nongovernmental organization, to eli-
20 gible applicants to develop new, or modify exist-
21 ing, homeland security information, equipment,
22 capabilities, technologies, and services to ad-
23 dress the needs identified in subparagraph (A).

1 “(2) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.—An applicant is
2 eligible to receive a grant under this subsection if
3 the applicant—

4 “(A) addresses 1 or more needs of Federal,
5 State, and local governments and first respond-
6 ers, as identified through the assessment con-
7 ducted under paragraph (1)(A);

8 “(B) is a joint venture between—

9 “(i) a for profit business entity, aca-
10 demic institution, or non-profit entity; and

11 “(ii) another entity that has dem-
12 onstrated capability in the area of
13 counterterrorism or homeland security; and

14 “(C) meets any other qualifications that
15 the Secretary may reasonably require.

16 “(3) PRIORITY.—The Secretary shall give pri-
17 ority to those applicants who propose to provide the
18 homeland security information, equipment, tech-
19 nologies, or services developed or modified with
20 grant funds to Federal, State, and local governments
21 and first responders.

22 “(4) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—The Sec-
23 retary may require a recipient of a grant under this
24 subsection to make available non-Federal matching
25 contributions in an amount equal to up to 50 per-

1 cent of the total proposed cost of the project for
2 which the grant was awarded.

3 “(5) GRANT REPAYMENT.—The Secretary may
4 require a recipient of a grant under this subsection
5 to repay to the Secretary the amount of the grant,
6 interest at an appropriate rate, and such charges for
7 administration of the grant as the Secretary deter-
8 mines appropriate. The Secretary may not require
9 that such repayment be more than 150 percent of
10 the amount of the grant, adjusted for inflation on
11 the basis of the Consumer Price Index.

12 “(6) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
13 There are authorized to be appropriated
14 \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2005 to carry out the
15 grant program established under this subsection.”.

16 **SEC. 2. HOMELAND SECURITY INFORMATION, EQUIPMENT,**
17 **CAPABILITIES, TECHNOLOGIES, AND SERV-**
18 **ICES GRANT PROGRAM.**

19 Section 313 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
20 (6 U.S.C. 193) is amended—

21 (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
22 section (d); and

23 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
24 lowing:

1 “(c) HOMELAND SECURITY INFORMATION, EQUIP-
2 MENT, CAPABILITIES, TECHNOLOGIES, AND SERVICES
3 GRANT PROGRAM.—In developing the program described
4 in section 430(d), the Under Secretary for Science and
5 Technology shall assist the Director of the Office for Do-
6 mestic Preparedness by reviewing, testing, and evaluating
7 applications or proposals.”.

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