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To reauthorize and improve the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. SNOWE 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 “Small Business Infor-
5 mation Security Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act—

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

1 (2) the term “small business concern” has the
2 meaning given the term in section 3 of the Small
3 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632); and

4 (3) the term “task force” means the task force
5 established under section 3(a).

6 **SEC. 3. INFORMATION SECURITY TASK FORCE.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator shall es-
8 tablish a task force, to be known as the Small Business
9 Information Security Task Force, to address the informa-
10 tion technology security needs of small business concerns.

11 (b) DUTIES.—The task force shall—

12 (1) identify—

13 (A) the information technology security
14 needs of small business concerns; and

15 (B) the programs and services of the Ad-
16 ministration, and of the Federal Government as
17 a whole, that serve those needs;

18 (2) assess the extent to which those programs
19 and services serve those needs;

20 (3) make recommendations to the Adminis-
21 trator on how to more effectively serve those needs;

22 (4) promote those programs and services; and

23 (5) inform and educate with respect to those
24 needs and those programs and services.

1 (c) INTERNET PORTAL RECOMMENDATIONS.—The
2 task force shall make recommendations to the Adminis-
3 trator on the establishment of an Internet portal to be
4 used by the Administration to receive and dispense infor-
5 mation and resources with respect to the needs identified
6 under subsection (a)(1)(A) and the programs and services
7 identified under subsection (a)(1)(B). As part of the rec-
8 ommendations, the task force shall identify the Internet
9 sites of appropriate programs, services, and organizations,
10 both public and private, to which the Internet portal
11 should link.

12 (d) EXISTING MATERIALS.—The task force shall or-
13 ganize and distribute existing materials that inform and
14 educate with respect to the needs identified under sub-
15 section (a)(1)(A) and the programs and services identified
16 under subsection (a)(1)(B).

17 (e) COORDINATION WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SEC-
18 TOR.—In carrying out its responsibilities under this sec-
19 tion, the task force shall coordinate with, and may accept
20 materials and assistance as it deems appropriate from—

21 (1) any subordinate officer of the Adminis-
22 trator;

23 (2) any organization authorized by the Small
24 Business Act to provide assistance and advice to
25 small business concerns;

1 (3) other Federal agencies, their officers, or
2 employees; and

3 (4) any other organization, entity, or person not
4 set forth in paragraphs (1), (2), or (3).

5 (f) CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR.—The task force shall
6 have—

7 (1) a Chair, appointed by the Administrator;
8 and

9 (2) a Vice-Chair, appointed by the Adminis-
10 trator, in consultation with appropriate nongovern-
11 mental organizations, entities, or persons.

12 (g) MEMBERS.—

13 (1) CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR.—The Chair and
14 the Vice-Chair shall serve as members of the task
15 force.

16 (2) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—The task force shall
18 have additional members, each of whom shall be
19 appointed by the Chair, with the approval of
20 the Administrator.

21 (B) NUMBER OF MEMBERS.—The number
22 of additional members shall be determined by
23 the Chair, in consultation with the Adminis-
24 trator, except that—

1 (i) the additional members shall in-
2 clude, for each of the groups specified in
3 paragraph (3), at least 1 member ap-
4 pointed from within that group; and

5 (ii) the number of additional members
6 shall not exceed 13.

7 (3) GROUPS REPRESENTED.—The groups re-
8 ferred to in paragraph (2)(B) are—

9 (A) subject matter experts;

10 (B) users of information technologies with-
11 in small business concerns;

12 (C) vendors of information technologies to
13 small business concerns;

14 (D) academics with expertise in the use of
15 information technologies to support business;

16 (E) small business trade associations; and

17 (F) Federal, State, or local agencies en-
18 gaged in securing cyber space.

19 (h) MEETINGS.—

20 (1) FREQUENCY.—The task force shall meet at
21 least 2 times per year, and more frequently if nec-
22 essary to perform its duties.

23 (2) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of
24 the task force shall constitute a quorum.

1 (3) LOCATION.—The Administrator shall des-
2 ignate, and make available to the task force, a loca-
3 tion at a facility under the control of the Adminis-
4 trator for use by the task force for its meetings.

5 (4) MINUTES.—Not later than 90 days after
6 each meeting, the task force shall publish the min-
7 utes of the meeting and shall submit to Adminis-
8 trator any findings or recommendations approved at
9 the meeting. Not later than 60 days after receiving
10 such a submission from the task force, the Adminis-
11 trator shall submit those findings, together with any
12 comments the Administrator considers appropriate,
13 to the Committee on Small Business of the House
14 of Representatives and the Committee on Small
15 Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate.

16 (i) PERSONNEL MATTERS.—

17 (1) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—Each mem-
18 ber of the task force shall serve without pay.

19 (2) DETAIL OF SBA EMPLOYEES.—The Admin-
20 istrator may detail, without reimbursement, any of
21 the personnel of the Administration to the task force
22 to assist it in carrying out its duties. Such a detail
23 shall be without interruption or loss of civil status
24 or privilege.

1 (3) SBA SUPPORT OF THE TASK FORCE.—

2 Upon the request of the task force, the Adminis-
3 trator shall provide to the task force the administra-
4 tive support services that the Administrator and the
5 Chair jointly determine to be necessary for the task
6 force to carry out its duties.

7 (j) NOT SUBJECT TO FEDERAL ADVISORY COM-
8 MITTEE ACT.—The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5
9 U.S.C. App.) does not apply to the task force.

10 (k) STARTUP DEADLINES.—The appointment of the
11 initial set of members shall be completed not later than
12 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and the
13 first meeting of the task force shall be not later than 180
14 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

15 (l) TERMINATION.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
17 graph (2), the task force shall terminate at the end
18 of fiscal year 2010.

19 (2) EXCEPTION.—If, as of the termination date
20 under paragraph (1), the task force has not com-
21 plied with subsection (h)(4) with respect to 1 or
22 more meetings, then the task force shall continue
23 after the termination date for the sole purpose of
24 achieving compliance with subsection (h)(4) with re-
25 spect to those meetings.

1 (m) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
3 \$100,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2010.

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