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H. R. 2789

To amend the Small Business Act to reauthorize and improve the Small Business Innovation Research Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 6, 2017

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. SCHNEIDER, and Mr. LIPINSKI) 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 “Support Startup Busi-
5 nesses Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS TO TECHNICAL AND BUSINESS AS-**
2 **SISTANCE.**

3 Section 9(q) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
4 638(q)) is amended—

5 (1) in the subsection heading, by inserting
6 “AND BUSINESS” after “TECHNICAL”;

7 (2) in paragraph (1)—

8 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph

9 (A)—

10 (i) by striking “a vendor selected
11 under paragraph (2)” and inserting “1 or
12 more vendors selected under paragraph
13 (2)(A)”;

14 (ii) by inserting “and business” before
15 “assistance services”; and

16 (iii) by inserting “assistance with
17 product sales, intellectual property protec-
18 tions, market research, market validation,
19 and development of regulatory plans and
20 manufacturing plans,” after “tech-
21 nologies,”; and

22 (B) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “,
23 including intellectual property protections” be-
24 fore the period at the end;

25 (3) in paragraph (2)—

1 (A) by striking “Each agency may select a
2 vendor to assist small business concerns to
3 meet” and inserting the following:

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each agency may se-
5 lect 1 or more vendors from which small busi-
6 ness concerns may obtain assistance in meet-
7 ing”; and

8 (B) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(B) SELECTION BY SMALL BUSINESS
10 CONCERN.—A small business concern may, by
11 contract or otherwise, select 1 or more vendors
12 to assist the small business concern in meeting
13 the goals listed in paragraph (1).”; and

14 (4) in paragraph (3)—

15 (A) by inserting “(A)” after “paragraph
16 (2)” each place it appears;

17 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking
18 “\$5,000 per year” each place it appears and in-
19 serting “\$6,500 per project”;

20 (C) in subparagraph (B)—

21 (i) by striking “\$5,000 per year” each
22 place it appears and inserting “\$35,000
23 per project”; and

24 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking “which
25 shall be in addition to the amount of the

1 recipient's award" and inserting "which
2 may, as determined appropriate by the
3 head of the agency, be included as part of
4 the recipient's award or be in addition to
5 the amount of the recipient's award";

6 (D) in subparagraph (C)—

7 (i) by inserting "or business" after
8 "technical";

9 (ii) by striking "the vendor" and in-
10 sserting "a vendor"; and

11 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
12 lowing: "Business-related services aimed at
13 improving the commercialization success of
14 a small business concern may be obtained
15 from an entity, such as a public or private
16 organization or an agency of or other enti-
17 ty established or funded by a State that fa-
18 cilitates or accelerates the commercializa-
19 tion of technologies or assists in the cre-
20 ation and growth of private enterprises
21 that are commercializing technology.";

22 (E) in subparagraph (D)—

23 (i) by inserting "or business" after
24 "technical" each place it appears; and

1 (ii) in clause (i), by striking “the ven-
2 dor” and inserting “1 or more vendors”;
3 and
4 (F) by adding at the end the following:
5 “(E) MULTIPLE AWARD RECIPIENTS.—The
6 Administrator shall establish a limit on the
7 amount of technical and business assistance
8 services that may be received or purchased
9 under subparagraph (B) by a small business
10 concern that has received multiple Phase II
11 SBIR or STTR awards for a fiscal year.”.

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