

113TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 400

To provide for the establishment of a Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Fund to assist United States businesses with exporting clean energy technology products and services.

---

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 23, 2013

Ms. MATSUI (for herself, Mr. DINGELL, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. MICHAUD, and Mr. SCHIFF) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 the establishment of a Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Fund to assist United States businesses with exporting clean energy technology products and services.

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 “Clean Energy Tech-  
5 nology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Act of  
6 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY MANUFACTURING**  
2 **AND EXPORT ASSISTANCE FUND.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

4 (1) the term “clean energy technology” means  
5 a technology related to the production, use, trans-  
6 mission, storage, control, or conservation of energy  
7 that will contribute to a stabilization of atmospheric  
8 greenhouse gas concentrations through reduction,  
9 avoidance, or sequestration of energy-related emis-  
10 sions and—

11 (A) reduce the need for additional energy  
12 supplies by using existing energy supplies with  
13 greater efficiency or by transmitting, distrib-  
14 uting, or transporting energy with greater effec-  
15 tiveness through the infrastructure of the  
16 United States; or

17 (B) diversify the sources of energy supply  
18 of the United States to strengthen energy secu-  
19 rity and to increase supplies with a favorable  
20 balance of environmental effects if the entire  
21 technology system is considered; and

22 (2) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary  
23 of Commerce.

24 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish  
25 a Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export  
26 Assistance Fund, to be administered through the Inter-

1 national Trade Administration. The Secretary shall ad-  
2 minister the Fund to promote policies that will reduce pro-  
3 duction costs and encourage innovation, investment, and  
4 productivity in the clean energy technology sector, and im-  
5 plement a national clean energy technology export strat-  
6 egy. The purpose of the Fund is to ensure that United  
7 States clean energy technology firms, including clean en-  
8 ergy technology parts suppliers and engineering and de-  
9 sign firms, have the information and assistance they need  
10 to be competitive and create clean energy technology sec-  
11 tor jobs in the United States.

12 (c) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary, consistent with the  
13 National Export Initiative, shall provide information,  
14 tools, and other assistance to United States businesses to  
15 promote clean energy technology manufacturing and facili-  
16 tate the export of clean energy technology products and  
17 services. Such assistance shall include—

18 (1) developing critical analysis of policies to re-  
19 duce production costs and promote innovation, in-  
20 vestment, and productivity in the clean energy tech-  
21 nology sector;

22 (2) helping educate companies about how to tai-  
23 lor their activities to specific markets with respect to  
24 their product slate, financing, marketing, assembly,  
25 and logistics;

1           (3) helping United States companies learn  
2 about the export process and export opportunities in  
3 foreign markets;

4           (4) helping United States companies to navi-  
5 gate foreign markets; and

6           (5) helping United States companies provide  
7 input regarding clean energy technology manufac-  
8 turing and trade policy developments and trade pro-  
9 motion.

10 (d) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

11           (1) Not later than 180 days after the date of  
12 enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall transmit  
13 to the Congress a report indicating how the funds  
14 provided under this section will be used to—

15           (A) focus on small and medium-sized  
16 United States businesses;

17           (B) encourage the creation and mainte-  
18 nance of the greatest number of clean energy  
19 technology jobs in the United States; and

20           (C) encourage the domestic production of  
21 clean energy technology products and services,  
22 including materials, components, equipment,  
23 parts, and supplies related in any way to the  
24 product or service.

1           (2) Not later than January 1, 2017, the Sec-  
2           retary shall transmit to the Congress a report as-  
3           sessing the extent to which the program established  
4           under this section—

5                   (A) has been successful in developing crit-  
6                   ical analysis of policies to reduce production  
7                   costs and promote innovation, investment, and  
8                   productivity in the clean energy technology sec-  
9                   tor;

10                   (B) has been successful in increasing the  
11                   competitiveness of United States clean energy  
12                   technology firms in emerging markets;

13                   (C) has been successful in assisting United  
14                   States businesses, specifically small- and me-  
15                   dium-sized firms, with exporting clean energy  
16                   technology products and services;

17                   (D) has been successful in creating jobs di-  
18                   rectly related to the clean energy technology  
19                   sector in the United States, including specific  
20                   information as to the nature, location, and du-  
21                   ration of those jobs and the methodology used  
22                   by the Secretary to compile such information;

23                   (E) has been successful in helping United  
24                   States companies provide input regarding clean

1 energy technology manufacturing and trade pol-  
2 icy developments and trade promotion; and

3 (F) should be continued.

4 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be  
6 appropriated to the Secretary for carrying out this  
7 section \$15,000,000 for each of the fiscal years  
8 2013 through 2017.

9 (2) LIMITATION.—No assistance provided using  
10 funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall be  
11 provided in the form of a monetary grant.

○