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H. R. 6137

To authorize annual appropriations to the Geospatial Management Office of the Department of Homeland Security for the sustainment of innovative GIS technologies to improve emergency response capabilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 1, 2023

Mr. DONALDS (for himself and Mr. CARTER of Louisiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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 “GIS Emergency Re-
5 sponse Technology Sustainment Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL AUTHORIZATION FOR GIS EMERGENCY RE-**
2 **SPONSE TECHNOLOGY SUSTAINMENT.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF SEARCH AND RESCUE COM-
4 MON OPERATIONS PROGRAM.—There is established within
5 the Geospatial Management Office of the Department of
6 Homeland Security a program for the sustainment of in-
7 novative GIS technologies to improve emergency response
8 capabilities, such as urban search and rescue geospatial
9 software platforms in emergency and disaster response.

10 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
11 authorized to be appropriated to the Geospatial Manage-
12 ment Office \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024
13 through 2030 to carry out the program established pursu-
14 ant to subsection (a).

15 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds made available pursuant
16 to the authorization of appropriations under subsection
17 (b) shall be used for the following:

18 (1) Coordinated on-the-ground and remote
19 geospatial urban search and rescue training, plan-
20 ning, and response through ongoing collaboration
21 with appropriate nonprofit entities focused on en-
22 hancing public safety through geospatial technology.

23 (2) Sustainment and expansion of search and
24 rescue geospatial support technology solutions in
25 preparation for emergency events and disaster re-
26 sponses.

1 (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—To carry out subsection (c),
2 the Geospatial Management Office shall collaborate with
3 appropriate nonprofit entities in the field of geospatial
4 technology, particularly such entities with experience in
5 developing and deploying emergency response platforms.

6 (e) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than
7 April 1, 2025, and every April 1 thereafter through 2031,
8 the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit to the
9 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-
10 resentatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
11 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report detailing
12 the following:

13 (1) The obligation and expenditure of funds
14 made available pursuant to the authorization of ap-
15 propriations under subsection (b) for the imme-
16 diately preceding fiscal year.

17 (2) The progress and effectiveness of activities
18 carried out pursuant to subsection (c) during such
19 immediately preceding fiscal year.

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