

**AMENDMENT TO SUBTITLE K**  
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Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. 3**     . **OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO**  
2 **SMALL PROVIDERS REGARDING OPEN RAN**  
3 **NETWORKS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Assistant Secretary shall con-  
5 duct outreach and provide technical assistance to small  
6 communications network providers—

7 (1) to raise awareness regarding the uses, bene-  
8 fits, and shortcomings of Open RAN networks and  
9 other open network architectures; and

10 (2) regarding participation in the Wireless Sup-  
11 ply Chain Innovation Grant Program established  
12 under section 9202(a)(1) of the William M. (Mac)  
13 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for  
14 Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283).

15 (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

16 (1) **ASSISTANT SECRETARY.**—The term “Assist-  
17 ant Secretary” means the Assistant Secretary of  
18 Commerce for Communications and Information,  
19 acting through the head of the Office of Internet  
20 Connectivity and Growth.

1           (2) OPEN NETWORK ARCHITECTURE.—The  
2 term “open network architecture” means Open RAN  
3 networks and other network elements that follow a  
4 set of published open standards for multi-vendor  
5 network equipment interoperability, including open  
6 core and open transport.

7           (3) OPEN RAN NETWORK.—The term “Open  
8 RAN network” means a wireless network that fol-  
9 lows the Open Radio Access Network approach to  
10 standardization adopted by the O-RAN Alliance,  
11 Telecom Infra Project, or Third Generation Partner-  
12 ship Project (3GPP), or any similar set of published  
13 open standards for multi-vendor network equipment  
14 interoperability.

