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To provide for Department of Energy, National Laboratories, and Small Business Administration joint research and development activities, and for other purposes

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “DOE and SBA Re-  
5 search Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND SMALL BUSINESS**  
2 **ADMINISTRATION JOINT RESEARCH AND DE-**  
3 **VELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy, the ap-  
5 propriate head of a National Laboratory (as defined in  
6 section 2 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C.  
7 15801)), and the Administrator of the Small Business Ad-  
8 ministration (in this section referred to as the “covered  
9 officials”) shall enter into a memorandum of under-  
10 standing or other appropriate agreement to carry out  
11 cross-cutting and collaborative research and development  
12 activities focused on the joint advancement of Department  
13 of Energy and Small Business Administration mission re-  
14 quirements and priorities.

15 (b) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OR AGREE-  
16 MENT.—The covered officials shall carry out and coordi-  
17 nate the activities described in subsection (a) by entering  
18 into one or more memoranda of understanding or other  
19 appropriate agreements, as jointly determined by the cov-  
20 ered officials.

21 (c) INCLUSION OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS.—In  
22 carrying out the activities described in subsection (a), the  
23 covered officials shall ensure the inclusion of small busi-  
24 ness concerns (as defined under section 3 of the Small  
25 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632)) in such activities, as appro-  
26 priate.

1 (d) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out the ac-  
2 tivities described in subsection (a), the covered officials  
3 may—

4 (1) carry out reimbursable agreements between  
5 the Department of Energy, the Small Business Ad-  
6 ministration, and appropriate entities in order to  
7 maximize the effectiveness of research and develop-  
8 ment activities carried out pursuant to a memo-  
9 randum or agreement described in subsection (b);  
10 and

11 (2) collaborate with other Federal agencies as  
12 appropriate to carry out such activities.

13 (e) REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date  
14 of the enactment of this Act, the covered officials shall  
15 submit to Congress a report on activities carried out pur-  
16 suant to a memorandum or agreement described in sub-  
17 section (b) that includes the following:

18 (1) Coordination between the covered officials  
19 involved in such activities.

20 (2) Potential opportunities to expand the tech-  
21 nical capabilities of the Department of Energy and  
22 the Small Business Administration.

23 (3) Collaborative research achievements.

24 (4) Areas of future mutually beneficial success.

1           (5) Continuation of coordination activities be-  
2           tween the Department of Energy and the Small  
3           Business Administration.

4           (f) RESEARCH SECURITY.—The activities carried out  
5           pursuant to a memorandum or agreement described in  
6           subsection (b) shall be applied in a manner consistent with  
7           subtitle D of title VI of the Research and Development,  
8           Competition, and Innovation Act (Public Law 117–167;  
9           42 U.S.C. 19231 et seq.).

10   **SEC. 3. COMPLIANCE WITH CUTGO.**

11           No additional amounts are authorized to be appro-  
12           priated to carry out this Act or the amendments made  
13           by this Act. Such Act and amendments shall be carried  
14           out using amounts otherwise appropriated to the Adminis-  
15           trator of the Small Business Administration, the Secretary  
16           of Energy, or the head of a National Laboratory (as de-  
17           fined in section 2 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42  
18           U.S.C. 15801)).