

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3116**

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At the end of title VII add the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . OFFICE OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS.**

2 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Section 313 (6 U.S.C. 193)

3 is amended to read as follows:

4 **“SEC. 313. OFFICE OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS.**

5 “(a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE.**—There is estab-  
6 lished an Office of Public-Private Partnerships in the Di-  
7 rectorate of Science and Technology.

8 “(b) **DIRECTOR.**—The Office shall be headed by a Di-  
9 rector, who shall be appointed by the Secretary. The Di-  
10 rector shall report to the Under Secretary for Science and  
11 Technology.

12 “(c) **RESPONSIBILITIES.**—The Director, in coordina-  
13 tion with the Private Sector Office of the Department,  
14 shall—

15 “(1) engage and initiate proactive outreach ef-  
16 forts and provide guidance on how to pursue pro-  
17 posals to develop or deploy homeland security tech-  
18 nologies (including regarding Federal funding, regu-  
19 lation, or acquisition), including to persons associ-

1 ated with small businesses (as that term is defined  
2 in the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.);

3 “(2) coordinate with components of the Depart-  
4 ment to issue announcements seeking unique and in-  
5 novative homeland security technologies to address  
6 homeland security capability gaps;

7 “(3) promote interaction between homeland se-  
8 curity researchers and private sector companies in  
9 order to accelerate transition research or a prototype  
10 into a commercial product and streamline the han-  
11 dling of intellectual property; and

12 “(4) conduct technology research assessment  
13 and marketplace analysis for the purpose of identi-  
14 fying, leveraging, and integrating best-of-breed tech-  
15 nologies and capabilities from industry, academia,  
16 and other Federal Government agencies, and dis-  
17 seminate research and findings to Federal, State,  
18 and local governments.

19 “(d) RAPID REVIEW DIVISION.—

20 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established  
21 the Rapid Review Division within the Office of Pub-  
22 lic-Private Partnerships.

23 “(2) PURPOSE AND DUTIES.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Division—

1           “(i) is responsible for maintaining a  
2           capability to perform business and tech-  
3           nical reviews to assist in screening unsolic-  
4           ited homeland security technology pro-  
5           posals submitted to the Secretary; and

6           “(ii) shall assess the feasibility, sci-  
7           entific and technical merits, and estimated  
8           cost of such proposals.

9           “(B) SPECIFIC DUTIES.—In carrying out  
10          those duties, the Division shall—

11           “(i) maintain awareness of the techno-  
12           logical requirements of the Directorate’s  
13           customers;

14           “(ii) establish and publicize accessible,  
15           streamlined procedures allowing a partici-  
16           pant to have their technology assessed by  
17           the Division;

18           “(iii) make knowledgeable assessments  
19           of a participant’s technology after receiving  
20           a business plan, a technology proposal, and  
21           a list of corporate officers, directors, and  
22           employees with technical knowledge of the  
23           proposal, within 60 days after such a sub-  
24           mission;

1           “(iv) review proposals submitted by  
2           components of the Department to the Divi-  
3           sion, subject to subsection (e); and

4           “(v) in reviewing proposals submitted  
5           to the Secretary, give priority to any pro-  
6           posal submitted by a small business con-  
7           cern as defined under section 3 of the  
8           Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

9           “(3) COORDINATION.—The Director shall sub-  
10          mit for consideration promising homeland security  
11          technology research, development, testing, and eval-  
12          uation proposals, along with any business and tech-  
13          nical reviews, to the appropriate subcomponents of  
14          the Directorate and the appropriate operational com-  
15          ponents of the Department for consideration for  
16          support.

17          “(e) LIMITATION ON CONSIDERATION OR EVALUA-  
18          TION OF PROPOSALS.—The Office may not consider or  
19          evaluate homeland security technology proposals sub-  
20          mitted in response to a solicitation for offers for a pending  
21          procurement or for a specific agency requirement.

22          “(f) SATELLITE OFFICES.—The Under Secretary,  
23          acting through the Director, may establish up to 3 satellite  
24          offices across the country to enhance the Department’s  
25          outreach efforts. The Secretary shall notify the appro-

1 p r i a t e c o n g r e s s i o n a l c o m m i t t e e s i n w r i t i n g w i t h i n 3 0 d a y s  
2 a f t e r e s t a b l i s h i n g a n y s a t e l l i t e o f f i c e .

3       “(g) PERSONNEL.—The Secretary shall establish  
4 r u l e s t o p r e v e n t t h e D i r e c t o r o r a n y o t h e r e m p l o y e e o f t h e  
5 O f f i c e f r o m a c t i n g o n m a t t e r s w h e r e a c o n f l i c t o f i n t e r e s t  
6 m a y e x i s t .” .

7       (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
8 i n s e c t i o n 1 ( b ) i s a m e n d e d b y s t r i k i n g t h e i t e m r e l a t i n g  
9 t o s u c h s e c t i o n a n d i n s e r t i n g t h e f o l l o w i n g :

“Sec. 313. Office of Public-Private Partnerships.”.

10       (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
11 a u t h o r i z e d t o b e a p p r o p r i a t e d \$ 3 0 , 0 0 0 , 0 0 0 f o r t h e O f f i c e  
12 o f P u b l i c - P r i v a t e P a r t n e r s h i p s f o r f i s c a l y e a r 2 0 1 2 .

