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To establish Presidential awards to recognize organizations that have made extraordinary efforts to create jobs and strengthen the economy of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NOLAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Presidential Make it
5 in America Awards Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. PRESIDENTIAL MAKE IT IN AMERICA AWARDS.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND AWARD CRITERIA.—There
8 are established the following Presidential awards:

1 (1) The Presidential Reshoring Award, which
2 shall be awarded to the best example of a United
3 States company that returns manufacturing jobs
4 and operations from overseas to the United States.

5 (2) The Presidential Invest in America Award,
6 which shall be awarded to the best example of a
7 United States company that invests in significant
8 new domestic manufacturing jobs and operations.

9 (3) The Presidential Foreign Direct Investment
10 Award, which shall be awarded to the best example
11 of a foreign company that invests in United States
12 manufacturing jobs and operations.

13 (b) MAKING AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS.—

14 (1) MAKING OF AWARDS.—The President (on
15 the basis of recommendations received from the Sec-
16 retary of Commerce (hereafter in this section re-
17 ferred to as “the Secretary”)), or the Secretary,
18 shall periodically make each of the awards described
19 in subsection (a) to a qualified organization in an el-
20 igible category which in the judgment of the Presi-
21 dent or the Secretary meets the relevant criteria de-
22 scribed in paragraphs (1) through (3) of subsection
23 (a).

24 (2) PRESENTATION OF AWARDS.—The presen-
25 tation of the awards shall be made by the President

1 or the Secretary with such ceremonies as the Presi-
2 dent or the Secretary determine to be appropriate.

3 (c) QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION.—An organization
4 may qualify for an award under this section only if it—

5 (1) submits an application to the Secretary;

6 (2) permits a rigorous evaluation of the way in
7 which its business and other operations have bene-
8 fitted the economic or social well-being of the United
9 States; and

10 (3) meets such requirements and specifications
11 as the Secretary determines to be appropriate to
12 achieve the objectives of this section.

13 (d) CATEGORIES IN WHICH AWARDS MAY BE
14 GIVEN.—

15 (1) ELIGIBLE CATEGORIES.—Subject to para-
16 graph (2), each of the awards described in sub-
17 section (a) may be awarded in each of the following
18 categories:

19 (A) Small business.

20 (B) Company or its subsidiary.

21 (C) Company which primarily provides
22 services.

23 (D) Health care provider.

24 (E) Education provider.

25 (F) Nonprofit organization.

1 (2) MODIFICATION OF CATEGORIES.—

2 (A) Upon a determination that the objec-
3 tives of this section would be better served
4 thereby, the Secretary may at any time expand,
5 subdivide, or otherwise modify the list of cat-
6 egories within which awards may be made as
7 initially in effect under paragraph (1), and may
8 establish separate award categories for other
9 organizations including units of government.

10 (B) The expansion, subdivision, modifica-
11 tion, or establishment of award categories
12 under subparagraph (A) shall not be effective
13 until the Secretary has submitted a detailed de-
14 scription thereof to the Congress and a period
15 of 30 days has elapsed since that submission.

16 (3) NUMBER OF AWARDS.—In any year, not
17 more than 1 of each award described in subsection
18 (a) may be made to a qualified organization in each
19 eligible category. No award shall be made within any
20 category if there are no qualified organizations in
21 that category.

22 (e) PUBLICATION OF AWARD.—An organization to
23 which an award is made under this section may publicize
24 the receipt of the award by the organization and may use
25 the award in advertising.

1 (f) INFORMATION SHARING.—The Secretary shall
2 publish on the website of the Department of Commerce
3 information on the successful strategies and programs of
4 organizations that receive awards under this section.

5 (g) FUNDING.—The Secretary is authorized to seek
6 and accept gifts from public and private sources to carry
7 out the program under this section. If additional sums are
8 needed to cover the full cost of the program, the Secretary
9 shall impose fees upon the organizations applying for an
10 award in amounts sufficient to provide such additional
11 sums. The Secretary is authorized to use appropriated
12 funds to carry out responsibilities under this Act.

13 (h) REPORT.—The Secretary shall prepare and sub-
14 mit to the President and the Congress, not later than 3
15 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, a report
16 on the effectiveness of the activities conducted under this
17 section.

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