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To amend title 10, United States Code, to codify the program of the Office of Small Business Programs of the Department of Defense known as Project Spectrum, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2023

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio (for himself, Ms. ROSS, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Ms. ESCOBAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “The Project Spectrum
5 Authorization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROJECT SPECTRUM.**

2 Chapter 19 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-
3 ed by inserting before section 399 the following new sec-
4 tion:

5 **“§ 398b. Project Spectrum**

6 “(a) PROJECT SPECTRUM; PURPOSE.—There is with-
7 in the Office of Small Business Programs of the Depart-
8 ment of Defense a program known as ‘Project Spectrum’,
9 the purpose of which is to provide to covered entities,
10 through an online platform, digital resources and services
11 that increase awareness about cybersecurity risks and help
12 such covered entities to comply with the cybersecurity re-
13 quirements of the defense acquisition system.

14 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—The Director of the Office of
15 Small Business Programs may establish eligibility require-
16 ments for the receipt by a covered entity of a given re-
17 source or service made available through Project Spec-
18 trum.

19 “(c) APPLICATION.—To receive through Project
20 Spectrum a resource or service for which the Director has
21 established an eligibility requirement under subsection (b),
22 a covered entity shall submit to the Director an applica-
23 tion at such time, in such form, and containing such infor-
24 mation as the Director determines appropriate.

25 “(d) FUNCTIONS.—In carrying out Project Spec-
26 trum, the Director shall maintain an online platform

1 through which the Director shall make available to each
2 covered entity that the Director determines to be eligible
3 under subsection (b) with respect to a given resource or
4 service, the following:

5 “(1) Educational materials regarding cybersecu-
6 rity, including cybersecurity training courses and
7 workforce development training.

8 “(2) Guidance regarding best practices for cy-
9 bersecurity matters, including guidance for devel-
10 oping internal cybersecurity policies and suggestions
11 for procedures for reviewing any violation of such
12 policies.

13 “(3) Assessments of the cybersecurity practices
14 and cybersecurity systems used by a covered entity.

15 “(4) A review and feasibility assessment of
16 products, software, and data security tools available
17 in the commercial marketplace.

18 “(5) Cybersecurity services, including dash-
19 board monitoring services, continuous threat moni-
20 toring services, software patching services, and patch
21 testing services.

22 “(6) Cybersecurity readiness checks.

23 “(7) A platform for secure data collaboration
24 between two or more employees of a covered entity
25 and between multiple covered entities.

1 “(8) Any additional resources or services, as de-
2 termined by the Director.

3 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 “(1) The term ‘covered entity’ means a supplier
5 of the Department of Defense that is a small or me-
6 dium business and registers to access the online
7 platform of Project Spectrum.

8 “(2) The term ‘defense acquisition system’ has
9 the meaning given to such term in section 3001 of
10 this title.”.

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