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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2024

Mr. CORREA (for himself and Mr. LUTTRELL) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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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 “Emerging Innovative  
5 Border Technologies Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INNOVATIVE AND EMERGING BORDER TECH-**  
7 **NOLOGY PLAN.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-  
10 land Security, acting through the Commissioner of U.S.  
11 Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the Under  
12 Secretary for Science and Technology of the Department  
13 of Homeland Security, shall submit to the Committee on  
14 Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and  
15 the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental  
16 Affairs of the Senate a plan to identify, integrate, and de-  
17 ploy new, innovative, disruptive, or other emerging or ad-  
18 vanced technologies that may incorporate artificial intel-  
19 ligence, machine-learning, automation, fiber-optic sensing  
20 technology, nanotechnology, optical and cognitive radar,  
21 modeling and simulation technology, hyperspectral and  
22 LIDAR sensors, imaging, identification, and categoriza-  
23 tion systems, or other emerging or advanced technologies,  
24 to enhance, or address capability gaps in, border security  
25 operations.

1 (b) CONTENTS.—The plan required under subsection  
2 (a) shall include the following:

3 (1) Information regarding how CBP utilizes  
4 CBP Innovation Team authority under subsection  
5 (c) and other mechanisms to carry out the purposes  
6 specified in subsection (a).

7 (2) An assessment of the contributions directly  
8 attributable to such utilization.

9 (3) Information regarding the composition of  
10 each CBP Innovation Team, and how each such  
11 Team coordinates and integrates efforts with the  
12 CBP acquisition program office and other partners  
13 within CBP and the Department of Homeland Secu-  
14 rity.

15 (4) Identification of technologies used by other  
16 Federal departments or agencies not in use by CBP  
17 that could assist in enhancing, or addressing capa-  
18 bility gaps in, border security operations.

19 (5) An analysis of authorities available to CBP  
20 to procure technologies referred to subsection (a),  
21 and an assessment as to whether additional or alter-  
22 native authorities are needed to carry out the pur-  
23 poses specified in such subsection.

1           (6) An explanation of how CBP plans to scale  
2 existing programs related to emerging or advanced  
3 technologies into programs of record.

4           (7) A description of each planned security-re-  
5 lated technology program, including objectives, goals,  
6 and timelines for each such program.

7           (8) An assessment of the privacy and security  
8 impact on border communities of security-related  
9 technology.

10          (9) An assessment of CBP legacy border tech-  
11 nology programs that could be phased out and re-  
12 placed by technologies referred to in subsection (a),  
13 and cost estimates relating to such phase out and  
14 replacement.

15          (10) Information relating to how CBP is coordi-  
16 nating with the Department of Homeland Security's  
17 Science and Technology Directorate to—

18               (A) research and develop new, innovative,  
19 disruptive, or other emerging or advanced tech-  
20 nologies to carry out the purposes specified in  
21 subsection (a);

22               (B) identify security-related technologies  
23 that are in development or deployed by the pri-  
24 vate and public sectors that may satisfy the

1 mission needs of CBP, with or without adapta-  
2 tion;

3 (C) incentivize the private sector to develop  
4 technologies that may help CBP meet mission  
5 needs to enhance, or address capability gaps in,  
6 border security operations; and

7 (D) identify and assess ways to increase  
8 opportunities for communication and collabora-  
9 tion with the private sector, small and dis-  
10 advantaged businesses, intra-governmental enti-  
11 ties, university centers of excellence, and Fed-  
12 eral laboratories to leverage emerging tech-  
13 nology and research within the public and pri-  
14 vate sectors.

15 (11) Information on metrics and key perform-  
16 ance parameters for evaluating the effectiveness of  
17 efforts to identify, integrate, and deploy new, inno-  
18 vative, disruptive, or other emerging or advanced  
19 technologies to carry out the purposes specified in  
20 subsection (a).

21 (12) An identification of recent technological  
22 advancements in the following:

23 (A) Manned aircraft sensor, communica-  
24 tion, and common operating picture technology.

1 (B) Unmanned aerial systems and related  
2 technology, including counter-unmanned aerial  
3 system technology.

4 (C) Surveillance technology, including the  
5 following:

6 (i) Mobile surveillance vehicles.

7 (ii) Associated electronics, including  
8 cameras, sensor technology, and radar.

9 (iii) Tower-based surveillance tech-  
10 nology.

11 (iv) Advanced unattended surveillance  
12 sensors.

13 (v) Deployable, lighter-than-air,  
14 ground surveillance equipment.

15 (D) Nonintrusive inspection technology, in-  
16 cluding non-X-ray devices utilizing muon to-  
17 mography and other advanced detection tech-  
18 nology.

19 (E) Tunnel detection technology.

20 (F) Communications equipment, including  
21 the following:

22 (i) Radios.

23 (ii) Long-term evolution broadband.

24 (iii) Miniature satellites.

1           (13) Any other information the Secretary deter-  
2 mines relevant.

3           (c) CBP INNOVATION TEAM AUTHORITY.—

4           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commissioner of CBP  
5 is authorized to maintain one or more CBP Innova-  
6 tion Teams to research and adapt commercial tech-  
7 nologies that are new, innovative, disruptive, or oth-  
8 erwise emerging or advanced that may be used by  
9 CBP to enhance, or address capability gaps in bor-  
10 der security operations and urgent mission needs,  
11 and assess potential outcomes, to include any nega-  
12 tive consequences, of the introduction of emerging or  
13 advanced technologies with respect to which docu-  
14 mented capability gaps in border security operations  
15 are yet to be determined.

16           (2) OPERATING PROCEDURES, PLANNING, STRA-  
17 TEGIC GOALS.—The Commissioner of CBP shall re-  
18 quire each team maintained pursuant to paragraph  
19 (1) to establish the following:

20           (A) Operating procedures that include  
21 specificity regarding roles and responsibilities  
22 within each such team and with respect to De-  
23 partment of Homeland Security and non-Fed-  
24 eral partners, and protocols for entering into  
25 agreements to rapidly transition such tech-



1           nologies to existing or new programs of record  
2           to carry out the purposes specified in subsection  
3           (a).

4                   (B) Planning and strategic goals for each  
5           such team that includes projected costs, time  
6           frames, metrics, and key performance param-  
7           eters relating to the achievement of identified  
8           strategic goals, including a metric to measure  
9           the rate at which technologies described in sub-  
10          section (a) are transitioned to existing or new  
11          programs of record in accordance with subpara-  
12          graph (A)

13           (3) REPORTING.—Not later than 180 days after  
14          the date of the enactment of this Act and annually  
15          thereafter, the Commissioner of CBP shall submit to  
16          the Committee on Homeland Security of the House  
17          of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland  
18          Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate in-  
19          formation relating to the activities CBP Innovation  
20          Teams, including information regarding the fol-  
21          lowing:

22                   (A) Copies of operating procedures and  
23           protocols under paragraph (2)(A) and planning  
24           and strategic goals required under paragraph  
25           (2)(B).

1           (B) Descriptions of the technologies piloted  
2           by each such team over the immediately pre-  
3           ceding fiscal year, including information regard-  
4           ing which such technologies are determined suc-  
5           cessful and an identification of documented ca-  
6           pability gaps that are addressed.

7           (C) Information on the status of efforts to  
8           rapidly transition technologies determined suc-  
9           cessful to existing or new programs of record.



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