

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2209

To establish a veteran Federal procurement entrepreneurship training program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 22, 2023

Mr. CARDIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

A BILL

To establish a veteran Federal procurement entrepreneurship training program.

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 “Veteran Federal Pro-
5 curement Entrepreneurship Training Program Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. VETERAN FEDERAL PROCUREMENT ENTREPRE-**
7 **NEURSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 32 of the Small Business
9 Act (15 U.S.C. 657b) is amended by striking subsection
10 (f) and inserting the following:

1 “(f) VETERAN FEDERAL PROCUREMENT ENTREPRE-
2 NEURSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM.—The Administrator, act-
3 ing through the Associate Administrator, shall make
4 grants to, or enter into a cooperative agreement with, not
5 more than 1 nonprofit entity to operate a Federal procure-
6 ment entrepreneurship training program to provide assist-
7 ance to small business concerns owned and controlled by
8 veterans regarding how to increase the likelihood of being
9 awarded contracts with the Federal Government—

10 “(1) which shall be made to or entered into
11 with a nonprofit entity that has a track record of
12 successfully providing educational and job training
13 services to targeted veteran populations from diverse
14 locations;

15 “(2) under which the nonprofit entity may, at
16 the discretion of the Administrator, be required to
17 match any Federal funds received for the program
18 with State, local, or private sector funds; and

19 “(3) under which the nonprofit entity shall use
20 a diverse group of professional service experts, such
21 as Federal, State, and local contracting experts and
22 private sector industry experts with first-hand expe-
23 rience in Federal Government contracting, to provide
24 instruction to small business concerns owned and
25 controlled by veterans.”.

1 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 are authorized to be appropriated to the Administration,
3 \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028
4 to carry out subsection (f) of section 32 of the Small Busi-
5 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 657b), as amended by subsection (a).

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