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Mr. SHULER (for himself, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mrs. DAHLKEMPER, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. NYE, Mr. SCHOCK, Mr. SESTAK, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. ALTMIRE, Mr. MICHAUD, Mrs. HALVORSON, and Mr. SCHRADER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

A BILL

To amend the Small Business Act, and for other purposes.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Job Creation Through Entrepreneurship Act of 2009”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—ESTABLISHMENT OF VETERANS BUSINESS CENTER
PROGRAM

Sec. 101. Veterans Business Center program.

Sec. 102. Reporting requirement for interagency task force.

TITLE II—EDUCATING ENTREPRENEURS THROUGH TODAY’S TECHNOLOGY

Sec. 201. Educating entrepreneurs through technology.

TITLE III—ENHANCING NATIVE AMERICAN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Sec. 301. Office of Native American Affairs; Tribal Business Information Centers program.

Sec. 302. Small Business Development Center assistance to Indian tribe members, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians.

TITLE IV—BROADENING THE WOMEN’S BUSINESS CENTER PROGRAM

Sec. 401. Notification of grants; publication of grant amounts.

Sec. 402. Communications.

Sec. 403. Funding.

Sec. 404. Performance and planning.

Sec. 405. National Women’s Business Council.

TITLE V—SCORE PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS

Sec. 501. Expansion of volunteer representation and benchmark reports.

Sec. 502. Mentoring and networking.

Sec. 503. Name of program changed to SCORE.

Sec. 504. Authorization of appropriations.

TITLE VI—EXPANDING ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Sec. 601. Expanding entrepreneurship.

TITLE VII—MODERNIZING THE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER PROGRAM

Sec. 701. Small business development centers operational changes.

Sec. 702. Access to credit and capital.

Sec. 703. Procurement training and assistance.

Sec. 704. Green entrepreneurs training program.

Sec. 705. Main street stabilization.

Sec. 706. Prohibition on program income being used as matching funds.

Sec. 707. Authorization of appropriations.

1 **TITLE I—ESTABLISHMENT OF**
2 **VETERANS BUSINESS CENTER**
3 **PROGRAM**

4 **SEC. 101. VETERANS BUSINESS CENTER PROGRAM.**

5 Section 32 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
6 657b) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (f), by inserting “(other than
2 subsections (g), (h), and (i))” after “this section”;
3 and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(g) VETERANS BUSINESS CENTER PROGRAM.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall es-
7 tablish a Veterans Business Center program within
8 the Administration to provide entrepreneurial train-
9 ing and counseling to veterans in accordance with
10 this subsection.

11 “(2) DIRECTOR.—The Administrator shall ap-
12 point a Director of the Veterans Business Center
13 program, who shall implement and oversee such pro-
14 gram and who shall report directly to the Associate
15 Administrator for Veterans Business Development.

16 “(3) DESIGNATION OF VETERANS BUSINESS
17 CENTERS.—The Director shall establish by regula-
18 tion an application, review, and notification process
19 to designate entities as veterans business centers for
20 purposes of this section. The Director shall make
21 publicly known the designation of an entity as a vet-
22 erans business center and the award of a grant to
23 such center under this subsection.

24 “(4) FUNDING FOR VETERANS BUSINESS CEN-
25 TERS.—

1 “(A) INITIAL GRANTS.—The Director is
2 authorized to make a grant (hereinafter in this
3 subsection referred to as an ‘initial grant’) to
4 each veterans business center each year for not
5 more than 5 years in the amount of \$150,000.

6 “(B) GROWTH FUNDING GRANTS.—After a
7 veterans business center has received 5 years of
8 initial grants under subparagraph (A), the Di-
9 rector is authorized to make a grant (herein-
10 after in this subsection referred to as a ‘growth
11 funding grant’) to such center each year for not
12 more than 3 years in the amount of \$100,000.
13 After such center has received 3 years of
14 growth funding grants, the Director shall re-
15 quire such center to meet performance bench-
16 marks established by the Director to be eligible
17 for growth funding grants in subsequent years.

18 “(5) CENTER RESPONSIBILITIES.—Each vet-
19 erans business center receiving a grant under this
20 subsection shall use the funds primarily on veteran
21 entrepreneurial development, counseling of veteran-
22 owned small businesses through one-on-one instruc-
23 tion and classes, and providing government procure-
24 ment assistance to veterans.

1 “(6) MATCHING FUNDS.—Each veterans busi-
2 ness center receiving a grant under this subsection
3 shall be required to provide a non-Federal match of
4 50 percent of the Federal funds such center receives
5 under this subsection. The Director may issue to a
6 veterans business center, upon request, a waiver
7 from all or a portion of such matching requirement
8 upon a determination of hardship.

9 “(7) TARGETED AREAS.—The Director shall
10 give priority to applications for designations and
11 grants under this subsection that will establish a
12 veterans business center in a geographic area, as de-
13 termined by the Director, that is not currently
14 served by a veterans business center and in which—

15 “(A) the population of veterans exceeds the
16 national median of such measure; or

17 “(B) the population of veterans of Oper-
18 ation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring
19 Freedom exceeds the national median of such
20 measure.

21 “(8) TRAINING PROGRAM.—The Director shall
22 develop and implement, directly or by contract, an
23 annual training program for the staff and personnel
24 of designated veterans business centers to provide
25 education, support, and information on best prac-

1 tices with respect to the establishment and operation
2 of such centers. The Director shall develop such
3 training program in consultation with veterans busi-
4 ness centers, the interagency task force established
5 under subsection (c), and veterans service organiza-
6 tions.

7 “(9) INCLUSION OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN
8 PROGRAM.—Upon the date of the enactment of this
9 subsection, each Veterans Business Outreach Center
10 established by the Administrator under the authority
11 of section 8(b)(17) and each center that received
12 funds during fiscal year 2006 from the National
13 Veterans Business Development Corporation estab-
14 lished under section 33 and that remains in oper-
15 ation shall be treated as designated as a veterans
16 business center for purposes of this subsection and
17 shall be eligible for grants under this subsection.

18 “(10) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
19 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
20 this subsection \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2010 and
21 \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 2011.

22 “(h) ADDITIONAL GRANTS AVAILABLE TO VETERANS
23 BUSINESS CENTERS.—

24 “(1) ACCESS TO CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the
2 Veterans Business Center program shall estab-
3 lish a grant program under which the Director
4 is authorized to make, to veterans business cen-
5 ters designated under subsection (g), grants for
6 the following:

7 “(i) Developing specialized programs
8 to assist veteran-owned small businesses to
9 secure capital and repair damaged credit.

10 “(ii) Providing informational seminars
11 on securing loans to veteran-owned small
12 businesses.

13 “(iii) Providing one-on-one counseling
14 to veteran-owned small businesses to im-
15 prove the financial presentations of such
16 businesses to lenders.

17 “(iv) Facilitating the access of vet-
18 eran-owned small businesses to both tradi-
19 tional and non-traditional financing
20 sources.

21 “(B) AWARD SIZE.—The Director may not
22 award a veterans business center more than
23 \$75,000 in grants under this paragraph.

24 “(C) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
25 TIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated

1 to carry out this paragraph \$1,500,000 for each
2 of fiscal years 2010 and 2011.

3 “(2) PROCUREMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT PRO-
4 GRAM.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall es-
6 tablish a grant program under which the Direc-
7 tor is authorized to make, to veterans business
8 centers designated under subsection (g), grants
9 for the following:

10 “(i) Assisting veteran-owned small
11 businesses to identify contracts that are
12 suitable to such businesses.

13 “(ii) Preparing veteran-owned small
14 businesses to be ready as subcontractors
15 and prime contractors for contracts made
16 available through the American Recovery
17 and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public
18 Law 111–5) through training and business
19 advisement, particularly with respect to the
20 construction trades.

21 “(iii) Providing veteran-owned small
22 businesses technical assistance with respect
23 to the Federal procurement process, in-
24 cluding assisting such businesses to comply

1 with Federal regulations and bonding re-
2 quirements.

3 “(B) AWARD SIZE.—The Director may not
4 award a veterans business center more than
5 \$75,000 in grants under this paragraph.

6 “(C) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
7 TIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated
8 to carry out this paragraph \$1,500,000 for each
9 of fiscal years 2010 and 2011.

10 “(3) SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED
11 SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall es-
13 tablish a grant program under which the Direc-
14 tor is authorized to make, to veterans business
15 centers designated under subsection (g), grants
16 for the following:

17 “(i) Developing outreach programs for
18 service-disabled veterans with respect to
19 the benefits of self-employment.

20 “(ii) Providing tailored training to
21 service-disabled veterans with respect to
22 business plan development, marketing,
23 budgeting, accounting, and merchandising.

1 “(iii) Assisting service-disabled vet-
2 eran-owned small businesses to locate and
3 secure business opportunities.

4 “(B) AWARD SIZE.—The Director may not
5 award a veterans business center more than
6 \$75,000 in grants under this paragraph.

7 “(C) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
8 TIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated
9 to carry out this paragraph \$1,500,000 for each
10 of fiscal years 2010 and 2011.

11 “(i) VETERANS ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT
12 SUMMIT.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Vet-
14 erans Business Center program is authorized to
15 carry out an event, once every two years, for the
16 purpose of providing networking opportunities, out-
17 reach, education, training, and support to veterans
18 business centers funded under this section, veteran-
19 owned small businesses, veterans service organiza-
20 tions, and other entities as determined appropriate
21 for inclusion by the Director.

22 “(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
23 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
24 this subsection \$450,000 for fiscal years 2010 and
25 2011.”.

1 **SEC. 102. REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR INTERAGENCY**
2 **TASK FORCE.**

3 Section 32(c) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
4 657b(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(4) REPORT.—The Administrator shall submit
6 to Congress biannually a report on the appointments
7 made to and activities of the task force.”.

8 **TITLE II—EDUCATING ENTRE-**
9 **PRENEURS THROUGH TO-**
10 **DAY’S TECHNOLOGY**

11 **SEC. 201. EDUCATING ENTREPRENEURS THROUGH TECH-**
12 **NOLOGY.**

13 The Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is
14 amended by redesignating section 44 as section 46 and
15 by inserting the following new section after section 43:

16 **“SEC. 44. EDUCATING ENTREPRENEURS THROUGH TECH-**
17 **NOLOGY.**

18 “(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to
19 provide high-quality distance learning to potential and ex-
20 isting entrepreneurs through the use of technology.

21 “(b) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term
22 ‘qualified third-party vendor’ means an entity with experi-
23 ence in distance learning content or communications tech-
24 nology, or both, with the ability to utilize on-line, satellite,
25 video-on-demand, and connected community-based organi-
26 zations to distribute and conduct distance learning related

1 to entrepreneurship, credit management, financial lit-
2 eracy, and Federal small business development programs.

3 “(c) AUTHORITY.—The Administrator shall contract
4 with qualified third-party vendors for entrepreneurial
5 training content and the development of communications
6 technology that can distribute content under this section
7 throughout the United States. The Administrator shall
8 contract with at least 2 qualified third-party vendors to
9 develop content.

10 “(d) CONTENT.—The Administrator shall ensure
11 that the content referred to in subsection (c) is timely and
12 relevant to entrepreneurial development and can be suc-
13 cessfully communicated remotely to an audience through
14 the use of technology. The Administrator shall, to the
15 maximum extent practicable, promote content that makes
16 use of technologies that allow for remote interaction by
17 the content provider with an audience. The Administrator
18 shall ensure that the content is catalogued and accessible
19 to small businesses on-line or through other remote tech-
20 nologies.

21 “(e) COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY.—The Admin-
22 istrator shall ensure that the communications technology
23 referred to in subsection (c) is able to distribute content
24 throughout all 50 States and the territories of the United
25 States to small business concerns, home-based businesses,

1 Small Business Development Centers, Women’s Business
2 Centers, Veterans Business Centers, and the Small Busi-
3 ness Administration. To the extent possible, the qualified
4 third-party vendor should deliver the content using
5 broadband technology.

6 “(f) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—The Administrator
7 shall submit a report to Congress 6 months after the date
8 of the enactment of this section containing an analysis of
9 the Small Business Administration’s progress in imple-
10 menting this section. The Administrator shall submit a re-
11 port to Congress one year after the date of the enactment
12 of this section and annually thereafter containing the
13 number of presentations made under this section, the
14 number of small businesses served under this section, the
15 extent to which this section resulted in the establishment
16 of new businesses, and feedback on the usefulness of this
17 medium in presenting entrepreneurial education through-
18 out the United States.

19 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
20 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
21 \$2,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2010 and 2011.”.

1 **TITLE III—ENHANCING NATIVE**
2 **AMERICAN ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

3 **SEC. 301. OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS; TRIBAL**
4 **BUSINESS INFORMATION CENTERS PRO-**
5 **GRAM.**

6 (a) ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR.—Section 4(b)(1) of
7 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 633(b)(1)) is amend-
8 ed—

9 (1) by striking “five Associate Administrators”
10 and inserting “six Associate Administrators”; and

11 (2) by inserting after “vested in the Adminis-
12 tration.” the following: “One such Associate Admin-
13 istrator shall be the Associate Administrator for Na-
14 tive American Affairs, who shall administer the Of-
15 fice of Native American Affairs established under
16 section 44.”.

17 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Small Business Act (15
18 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section
19 44, as added by section 201 of this Act, the following:

20 **“SEC. 45. OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS AND**
21 **TRIBAL BUSINESS INFORMATION CENTERS**
22 **PROGRAM.**

23 “(a) OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS.—

24 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in
25 the Administration an Office of Native American Af-

1 fairs (hereinafter referred to in this subsection as
2 the ‘Office’).

3 “(2) ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR.—The Office
4 shall be administered by an Associate Administrator
5 appointed under section 4(b)(1).

6 “(3) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Office shall have
7 the following responsibilities:

8 “(A) Developing and implementing tools
9 and strategies to increase Native American en-
10 trepreneurship.

11 “(B) Expanding the access of Native
12 American entrepreneurs to business training,
13 capital, and Federal small business contracts.

14 “(C) Expanding outreach to Native Amer-
15 ican communities and aggressively marketing
16 entrepreneurial development services to such
17 communities.

18 “(D) Representing the Administration with
19 respect to Native American economic develop-
20 ment matters.

21 “(4) COORDINATION AND OVERSIGHT FUNC-
22 TION.—The Office shall provide oversight with re-
23 spect to and assist the implementation of all Admin-
24 istration initiatives relating to Native American en-
25 trepreneurial development.

1 “(5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

2 To carry out this subsection, there is authorized to
3 be appropriated to the Administrator \$2,000,000 for
4 each of fiscal years 2010 and 2011.

5 “(b) TRIBAL BUSINESS INFORMATION CENTERS
6 PROGRAM.—

7 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator is
8 authorized to operate, alone or in coordination with
9 other Federal departments and agencies, a Tribal
10 Business Information Centers program that provides
11 Native American populations with business training
12 and entrepreneurial development assistance.

13 “(2) DESIGNATION OF CENTERS.—The Admin-
14 istrator shall designate entities as centers under the
15 Tribal Business Information Centers program.

16 “(3) ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT.—The Admin-
17 istrator may contribute agency personnel and re-
18 sources to the centers designated under paragraph
19 (2) to carry out this subsection.

20 “(4) GRANT PROGRAM.—The Administrator is
21 authorized to make grants of not more than
22 \$300,000 to centers designated under paragraph (2)
23 for the purpose of providing Native Americans the
24 following:

25 “(A) Business workshops.

1 “(B) Individualized business counseling.

2 “(C) Entrepreneurial development train-
3 ing.

4 “(D) Access to computer technology and
5 other resources to start or expand a business.

6 “(5) REGULATIONS.—The Administrator shall
7 by regulation establish a process for designating cen-
8 ters under paragraph (2) and making the grants au-
9 thorized under paragraph (4).

10 “(6) DEFINITION OF ADMINISTRATOR.—In this
11 subsection, the term ‘Administrator’ means the Ad-
12 ministrator, acting through the Associate Adminis-
13 trator administering the Office of Native American
14 Affairs.

15 “(7) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
16 To carry out this subsection, there is authorized to
17 be appropriated to the Administrator \$15,000,000
18 for fiscal year 2010 and \$17,000,000 for fiscal year
19 2011.

20 “(c) DEFINITION OF NATIVE AMERICAN.—The term
21 ‘Native American’ means an Indian tribe member, Alaska
22 Native, or Native Hawaiian as such are defined in section
23 21(a)(8) of this Act.”.

1 **SEC. 302. SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER AS-**
2 **SISTANCE TO INDIAN TRIBE MEMBERS, ALAS-**
3 **KA NATIVES, AND NATIVE HAWAIIANS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 21(a) of the Small Busi-
5 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 648(a)) is amended by adding at the
6 end the following:

7 “(8) ADDITIONAL GRANT TO ASSIST INDIAN
8 TRIBE MEMBERS, ALASKA NATIVES, AND NATIVE HA-
9 WAIANS.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any applicant in an
11 eligible State that is funded by the Administra-
12 tion as a Small Business Development Center
13 may apply for an additional grant to be used
14 solely to provide services described in subsection
15 (c)(3) to assist with outreach, development, and
16 enhancement on Indian lands of small business
17 startups and expansions owned by Indian tribe
18 members, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawai-
19 ians.

20 “(B) ELIGIBLE STATES.—For purposes of
21 subparagraph (A), an eligible State is a State
22 that has a combined population of Indian tribe
23 members, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawai-
24 ians that comprises at least 1 percent of the
25 State’s total population, as shown by the latest
26 available census.

1 “(C) GRANT APPLICATIONS.—An applicant
2 for a grant under subparagraph (A) shall sub-
3 mit to the Administration an application that is
4 in such form as the Administration may re-
5 quire. The application shall include information
6 regarding the applicant’s goals and objectives
7 for the services to be provided using the grant,
8 including—

9 “(i) the capability of the applicant to
10 provide training and services to a rep-
11 resentative number of Indian tribe mem-
12 bers, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawai-
13 ians;

14 “(ii) the location of the Small Busi-
15 ness Development Center site proposed by
16 the applicant;

17 “(iii) the required amount of grant
18 funding needed by the applicant to imple-
19 ment the program; and

20 “(iv) the extent to which the applicant
21 has consulted with local tribal councils.

22 “(D) APPLICABILITY OF GRANT REQUIRE-
23 MENTS.—An applicant for a grant under sub-
24 paragraph (A) shall comply with all of the re-
25 quirements of this section, except that the

1 matching funds requirements under paragraph
2 (4)(A) shall not apply.

3 “(E) MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—No
4 applicant may receive more than \$300,000 in
5 grants under this paragraph for any fiscal year.

6 “(F) REGULATIONS.—After providing no-
7 tice and an opportunity for comment and after
8 consulting with the Association recognized by
9 the Administration pursuant to paragraph
10 (3)(A) (but not later than 180 days after the
11 date of enactment of this paragraph), the Ad-
12 ministration shall issue final regulations to
13 carry out this paragraph, including regulations
14 that establish—

15 “(i) standards relating to educational,
16 technical, and support services to be pro-
17 vided by Small Business Development Cen-
18 ters receiving assistance under this para-
19 graph; and

20 “(ii) standards relating to any work
21 plan that the Administration may require a
22 Small Business Development Center receiv-
23 ing assistance under this paragraph to de-
24 velop.

1 “(G) ADVICE OF LOCAL TRIBAL ORGANIZA-
2 TIONS.—A Small Business Development Center
3 receiving a grant under this paragraph shall re-
4 quest the advice of a tribal organization on how
5 best to provide assistance to Indian tribe mem-
6 bers, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians
7 and where to locate satellite centers to provide
8 such assistance.

9 “(H) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph,
10 the following definitions apply:

11 “(i) INDIAN LANDS.—The term ‘In-
12 dian lands’ has the meaning given the term
13 ‘Indian country’ in section 1151 of title 18,
14 United States Code, the meaning given the
15 term ‘Indian reservation’ in section 151.2
16 of title 25, Code of Federal Regulations
17 (as in effect on the date of enactment of
18 this paragraph), and the meaning given
19 the term ‘reservation’ in section 4 of the
20 Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (25
21 U.S.C. 1903).

22 “(ii) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘In-
23 dian tribe’ means any band, nation, or or-
24 ganized group or community of Indians lo-
25 cated in the contiguous United States, and

1 the Metlakatla Indian Community, whose
2 members are recognized as eligible for the
3 services provided to Indians by the Sec-
4 retary of the Interior because of their sta-
5 tus as Indians.

6 “(iii) INDIAN TRIBE MEMBER.—The
7 term ‘Indian tribe member’ means a mem-
8 ber of an Indian tribe (other than an Alas-
9 ka Native).

10 “(iv) ALASKA NATIVE.—The term
11 ‘Alaska Native’ has the meaning given the
12 term ‘Native’ in section 3(b) of the Alaska
13 Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C.
14 1602(b)).

15 “(v) NATIVE HAWAIIAN.—The term
16 ‘Native Hawaiian’ means any individual
17 who is—

18 “(I) a citizen of the United
19 States; and

20 “(II) a descendant of the aborigi-
21 nal people, who prior to 1778, occu-
22 pied and exercised sovereignty in the
23 area that now constitutes the State of
24 Hawaii.

1 “(vi) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The
2 term ‘tribal organization’ has the meaning
3 given that term in section 4(l) of the In-
4 dian Self-Determination and Education
5 Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b(l)).

6 “(I) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
7 TIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated
8 to carry out this paragraph \$7,000,000 for each
9 of fiscal years 2010 and 2011.

10 “(J) FUNDING LIMITATIONS.—

11 “(i) NONAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN
12 LIMITATIONS.—Funding under this para-
13 graph shall be in addition to the dollar
14 program limitations specified in paragraph
15 (4).

16 “(ii) LIMITATION ON USE OF
17 FUNDS.—The Administration may carry
18 out this paragraph only with amounts ap-
19 propriated in advance specifically to carry
20 out this paragraph.”.

1 **TITLE IV—BROADENING THE**
2 **WOMEN’S BUSINESS CENTER**
3 **PROGRAM**

4 **SEC. 401. NOTIFICATION OF GRANTS; PUBLICATION OF**
5 **GRANT AMOUNTS.**

6 Section 29 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656)
7 is amended by adding the following new subsection at the
8 end thereof:

9 “(o) NOTIFICATION OF GRANTS; PUBLICATION OF
10 GRANT AMOUNTS.—The Administrator shall disburse
11 funds to a women’s business center not later than one
12 month after the center’s application is approved under this
13 section. At the end of each fiscal year the Administrator
14 (acting through the Office of Women’s Business owner-
15 ship) shall publish on the Administration’s website a re-
16 port setting forth the total amount of the grants made
17 under this Act to each women’s business center in the fis-
18 cal year for which the report is issued, the total amount
19 of such grants made in each prior fiscal year to each such
20 center, and the total amount of private matching funds
21 provided by each such center over the lifetime of the cen-
22 ter.”.

1 **SEC. 402. COMMUNICATIONS.**

2 Section 29 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
3 656), as amended, is further amended by adding the fol-
4 lowing new subsection at the end thereof:

5 “(p) COMMUNICATIONS.—The Administrator shall
6 establish, by rule, a standardized process to communicate
7 with women’s business centers regarding program admin-
8 istration matters, including reimbursement, regulatory
9 matters, and programmatic changes. The Administrator
10 shall notify each women’s business center of the oppor-
11 tunity for notice and comment on the proposed rule.”.

12 **SEC. 403. FUNDING.**

13 (a) FORMULA.—Section 29(b) of the Small Business
14 Act (15 U.S.C. 656(b)) is amended to read as follows:

15 “(b) AUTHORITY.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator may
17 provide financial assistance to private nonprofit or-
18 ganizations to conduct projects for the benefit of
19 small business concerns owned and controlled by
20 women. The projects shall provide—

21 “(A) financial assistance, including train-
22 ing and counseling in how to apply for and se-
23 cure business credit and investment capital,
24 preparing and presenting financial statements,
25 and managing cash flow and other financial op-
26 erations of a business concern;

1 “(B) management assistance, including
2 training and counseling in how to plan, orga-
3 nize, staff, direct, and control each major activ-
4 ity and function of a small business concern;
5 and

6 “(C) marketing assistance, including train-
7 ing and counseling in identifying and seg-
8 menting domestic and international market op-
9 portunities, preparing and executing marketing
10 plans, developing pricing strategies, locating
11 contract opportunities, negotiating contracts,
12 and utilizing varying public relations and adver-
13 tising techniques.

14 “(2) TIERS.—The Administrator shall provide
15 assistance under paragraph (1) in 3 tiers of assist-
16 ance as follows:

17 “(A) The first tier shall be to conduct a 5-
18 year project in a situation where a project has
19 not previously been conducted. Such a project
20 shall be in a total amount of not more than
21 \$150,000 per year.

22 “(B) The second tier shall be to conduct a
23 3-year project in a situation where a first-tier
24 project is being completed. Such a project shall

1 be in a total amount of not more than
2 \$100,000 per year.

3 “(C) The third tier shall be to conduct a
4 3-year project in a situation where a second-tier
5 project is being completed. Such a project shall
6 be in a total amount of not more than
7 \$100,000 per year. Third-tier grants shall be
8 renewable subject to established eligibility cri-
9 teria as well as criteria in subsection (b)(4).

10 “(3) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Of the amounts
11 made available for assistance under this subsection,
12 the Administrator shall allocate—

13 “(A) at least 40 percent for first-tier
14 projects under paragraph (2)(A);

15 “(B) 20 percent for second-tier projects
16 under paragraph (2)(B); and

17 “(C) the remainder for third-tier projects
18 under paragraph (2)(C).

19 “(4) BENCHMARKS FOR THIRD-TIER
20 PROJECTS.—In awarding third-tier projects under
21 paragraph (2)(C), the Administrator shall use
22 benchmarks based on socio-economic factors in the
23 community and on the performance of the applicant.
24 The benchmarks shall include—

1 “(A) the total number of women served by
2 the project;

3 “(B) the proportion of low income women
4 and socio-economic distribution of clients served
5 by the project;

6 “(C) the proportion of individuals in the
7 community that are socially or economically dis-
8 advantaged (based on median income);

9 “(D) the future fund-raising and service
10 coordination plans;

11 “(E) the diversity of services provided; and

12 “(F) geographic distribution within and
13 across the 10 regions of the Small Business Ad-
14 ministration.”.

15 (b) MATCHING.—Subparagraphs (A) and (B) of sec-
16 tion 29(c)(1) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
17 656(c)(1)) are amended to read as follows:

18 “(A) For the first and second years of the
19 project, 1 non-Federal dollar for each 2 Federal
20 dollars.

21 “(B) Each year after the second year of
22 the project—

23 “(i) 1 non-Federal dollar for each
24 Federal dollar; or

1 “(ii) if the center is in a community
2 at least 50 percent of the population of
3 which is below the median income for the
4 State or United States territory in which
5 the center is located, 1 non-Federal dollar
6 for each 2 Federal dollars.”.

7 (c) AUTHORIZATION.—Section 20 of the Small Busi-
8 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 631 note) is amended by inserting
9 the following new subsection after subsection (e):

10 “(f) WOMEN’S BUSINESS CENTERS.—There is au-
11 thorized to be appropriated for purposes of grants under
12 section 29 to women’s business centers not more than
13 \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2010 and not more than
14 \$22,000,000 in fiscal year 2011.”.

15 **SEC. 404. PERFORMANCE AND PLANNING.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 29(h)(1) of the Small
17 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656(h)(1)) is amended by strik-
18 ing the “and” at the end of subparagraph (A), redesignig-
19 nating subparagraph (B) as subparagraph (D), and in-
20 serting the following new subparagraphs after subpara-
21 graph (A):

22 “(B) establish performance measures, tak-
23 ing into account the demographic differences of
24 populations served by women’s business centers,
25 which measures shall include—

1 “(i) outcome-based measures of the
2 amount of job creation or economic activity
3 generated in the local community as a re-
4 sult of efforts made and services provided
5 by each women’s business center, and

6 “(ii) service-based measures of the
7 amount of services provided to individuals
8 and small business concerns served by each
9 women’s business center;

10 “(C) require each women’s business center
11 to submit an annual plan for the next year that
12 includes the center’s funding sources and
13 amounts, strategies for increasing outreach to
14 women-owned businesses, strategies for increas-
15 ing job growth in the community, and other
16 content as determined by the Administrator;
17 and”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 29(h)(1) of
19 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656(h)(1)), as amend-
20 ed, is further amended by adding the following at the end
21 thereof:

22 “The Administrator’s evaluation of each women’s
23 business center as required by this subsection shall
24 be in part based on the performance measures under
25 subparagraphs (B) and (C). These measures and the

1 Administrator’s evaluations thereof shall be made
2 publicly available.”.

3 **SEC. 405. NATIONAL WOMEN’S BUSINESS COUNCIL.**

4 The Women’s Business Ownership Act of 1988 is
5 amended as follows:

6 (1) In section 409(a) (15 U.S.C. 7109(a)), add
7 the following at the end thereof: “Such studies shall
8 include a study on the impact of the 2008–2009 fi-
9 nancial markets crisis on women-owned businesses,
10 and a study of the use of the Small Business Admin-
11 istration’s programs by women-owned businesses.”.

12 (2) In section 410(a) (15 U.S.C. 7110(a)),
13 strike out “2001 through 2003” and insert “2010
14 and 2011”.

15 **TITLE V—SCORE PROGRAM**
16 **IMPROVEMENTS**

17 **SEC. 501. EXPANSION OF VOLUNTEER REPRESENTATION**
18 **AND BENCHMARK REPORTS.**

19 (a) EXPANSION OF VOLUNTEER REPRESENTA-
20 TION.—Section 8(b)(1)(B) of the Small Business Act (15
21 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B)) is amended by inserting “(i)” after
22 “(B)” and by adding at the end the following:

23 “(ii) The Administrator shall ensure that
24 SCORE, established under this subparagraph, car-
25 ries out a plan to increase the proportion of mentors

1 who are from socially or economically disadvantaged
2 backgrounds and, on an annual basis, reports to the
3 Administrator on the implementation of this sub-
4 paragraph.”.

5 (b) BENCHMARK REPORTS.—Section 8(b)(1)(B) of
6 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B)), as
7 amended, is further amended by adding at the end the
8 following:

9 “(iii) The Administrator shall ensure that
10 SCORE, established under this subparagraph, estab-
11 lishes benchmarks for use in evaluating the perform-
12 ance of its activities and the performance of its vol-
13 unteers. The benchmarks shall include benchmarks
14 relating to the demographic characteristics and the
15 geographic characteristics of persons assisted by
16 SCORE, benchmarks relating to the hours spent
17 mentoring by volunteers, and benchmarks relating to
18 the performance of the persons assisted by SCORE.
19 SCORE shall report, on an annual basis, to the Ad-
20 ministrator the extent to which the benchmarks es-
21 tablished under this clause are being attained.”.

22 **SEC. 502. MENTORING AND NETWORKING.**

23 Section 8(b)(1)(B) of the Small Business Act (15
24 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B)), as amended, is further amended by
25 adding at the end the following:

1 “(iv) The Administrator shall ensure that
2 SCORE, established under this subparagraph, estab-
3 lishes a mentoring program for small business con-
4 cerns that provides one-on-one advice to small busi-
5 ness concerns from qualified counselors. For pur-
6 poses of this clause, qualified counselors are coun-
7 selors with at least 10 years experience in the indus-
8 try sector or area of responsibility of the small busi-
9 ness concern seeking advice.

10 “(v) The Administrator shall carry out a net-
11 working program through SCORE, established
12 under this subparagraph, that provides small busi-
13 ness concerns with the opportunity to make business
14 contacts in their industry or geographic region.”.

15 **SEC. 503. NAME OF PROGRAM CHANGED TO SCORE.**

16 (a) NAME CHANGE.—The Small Business Act is
17 amended as follows:

18 (1) In section 8(b)(1)(B) (15 U.S.C.
19 637(b)(1)(B)), by striking “Executives (SCORE)”
20 and inserting “Executives (in this Act referred to as
21 ‘SCORE’)”.

22 (2) In section 7(m)(3)(A)(i)(VIII) (15 U.S.C.
23 636(m)(3)(A)(i)(VIII)), by striking “the Service
24 Corps of Retired Executives” and inserting
25 “SCORE”.

1 (3) In section 20 (15 U.S.C. 631 note)—

2 (A) in subsection (d)(1)(E), by striking
3 “the Service Corps of Retired Executives pro-
4 gram” and inserting “SCORE”; and

5 (B) in subsection (e)(1)(E), by striking
6 “the Service Corps of Retired Executives pro-
7 gram” and inserting “SCORE”.

8 (4) In section 33(b)(2) (15 U.S.C. 657c(b)(2)),
9 by striking “Service Corps of Retired Executives”
10 and inserting “SCORE”.

11 (b) **ELIMINATION OF ACE.**—Section 8(b)(1)(B) of
12 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B)), as
13 amended, is further amended by striking “and an Active
14 Corps of Executive (ACE)”.

15 **SEC. 504. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 Section 20 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631
17 note), as amended by section 403(c) of this Act, is further
18 amended by inserting the following new subsection after
19 subsection (f):

20 “(g) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR**
21 **SCORE.**—There is authorized to be appropriated
22 \$7,000,000 for SCORE under section 8(b)(1) for each of
23 the fiscal years 2010 and 2011.”.

TITLE VI—EXPANDING ENTREPRENEURSHIP

3 SEC. 601. EXPANDING ENTREPRENEURSHIP.

4 Section 4 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 633)
5 is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(g) MANAGEMENT AND DIRECTION.—

7 “(1) PLAN FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOP-
8 MENT AND JOB CREATION STRATEGY.—The Admin-
9 istrator shall develop and submit to Congress a plan,
10 in consultation with a representative from each of
11 the agency’s entrepreneurial development programs,
12 for using the Small Business Administration’s entre-
13 preneurial development programs as a catalyst for
14 job creation for fiscal years 2009 and 2010. The
15 plan shall include the Administration’s plan for
16 drawing on existing programs, including Small Busi-
17 ness Development Centers, Women’s Business Cen-
18 ters, SCORE, Veterans Business Centers, Native
19 American Outreach, and other appropriate pro-
20 grams. The Administrator shall identify a strategy
21 for each Administration region to create or retain
22 jobs through Administration programs. The Admin-
23 istrator shall identify, in consultation with appro-
24 priate personnel from entrepreneurial development
25 programs, performance measures and criteria, in-

1 including job creation, job retention, and job retrain-
2 ing goals, to evaluate the success of the Administra-
3 tion’s actions regarding these efforts.

4 “(2) DATA COLLECTION PROCESS.—The Ad-
5 ministrator shall, after notice and opportunity for
6 comment, promulgate a rule to develop and imple-
7 ment a consistent data collection process to cover all
8 entrepreneurial development programs. Such data
9 collection process shall include data relating to job
10 creation, performance, and any other data deter-
11 mined appropriate by the Administrator with respect
12 to the Administration’s entrepreneurial development
13 programs.

14 “(3) COORDINATION AND ALIGNMENT OF SBA
15 ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.—
16 The Administrator shall submit annually to Con-
17 gress, in consultation with other Federal depart-
18 ments and agencies as appropriate, a report on op-
19 portunities to foster coordination, limit duplication,
20 and improve program delivery for Federal entrepre-
21 neurial development programs.

22 “(4) DATABASE OF ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVEL-
23 OPMENT SERVICE PROVIDERS.—The Administrator
24 shall, after a period of 60 days for public comment,
25 establish a database of providers of entrepreneurial

1 development services and, make such database avail-
2 able through the Administration’s Web site. The
3 database shall be searchable by industry, geography,
4 and service required.

5 “(5) COMMUNITY SPECIALIST.—The Adminis-
6 trator shall designate not less than one staff member
7 in each Administration district office as a commu-
8 nity specialist who has as their full-time responsi-
9 bility working with local entrepreneurial development
10 service providers to increase coordination with Fed-
11 eral resources. The Administrator shall develop
12 benchmarks for measuring the performance of com-
13 munity specialists under this subsection.

14 “(6) ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT POR-
15 TAL.—The Administrator shall publish a design for
16 a Web-based portal to provide comprehensive infor-
17 mation on the Administration’s entrepreneurial de-
18 velopment programs. After a period of 60 days for
19 public comment, the Administrator shall establish
20 such portal and—

21 “(A) integrate under one Web portal,
22 Small Business Development Centers, Women’s
23 Business Centers, SCORE, Veterans Business
24 Centers, the Administration’s distance learning
25 program, and other programs as appropriate;

1 “(B) revise the Administration’s primary
2 Web site so that the Web portal described in
3 subparagraph (A) is available as a link on the
4 main Web page of the Web site;

5 “(C) increase consumer-oriented content
6 on the Administration’s Web site and focus on
7 promoting access to business solutions, includ-
8 ing marketing, financing, and human resources
9 planning;

10 “(D) establish relevant Web content aggre-
11 gated by industry segment, stage of business
12 development, level of need, and include referral
13 links to appropriate Administration services, in-
14 cluding financing, training and counseling, and
15 procurement assistance; and

16 “(E) provide style guidelines and links for
17 visitors to the Administration’s Web site to be
18 able to comment on and evaluate the materials
19 in terms of their usefulness.

20 “(7) PILOT PROGRAMS.—The Administrator
21 may not conduct any pilot program for a period of
22 greater than 3 years if the program conflicts with,
23 or uses the resources of, any of the entrepreneurial
24 development programs authorized under section

1 8(b)(1)(B), 21, 29, 32, or any other provision of this
2 Act.”.

3 **TITLE VII—MODERNIZING THE**
4 **SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOP-**
5 **MENT CENTER PROGRAM**

6 **SEC. 701. SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS OPER-**
7 **ATIONAL CHANGES.**

8 (a) ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENT.—Section
9 21(a)(1) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648(a)(1))
10 is amended as follows:

11 (1) In the proviso, by inserting before “institu-
12 tion” the following: “accredited”.

13 (2) In the sentence beginning “The Administra-
14 tion shall”, by inserting before “institutions” the fol-
15 lowing: “accredited”.

16 (3) By adding at the end the following new sen-
17 tence: “In this paragraph, the term ‘accredited insti-
18 tution of higher education’ means an institution that
19 is accredited as described in section 101(a)(5) of the
20 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
21 1001(a)(5)).”.

22 (b) PROGRAM NEGOTIATIONS.—Section 21(a)(3) of
23 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648(a)(3)) is amended
24 in the matter before subparagraph (A), by inserting before
25 “agreed” the following: “mutually”.

1 (c) CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.—Section 21(a)(3)(A)
2 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648(a)(3)(A)) is
3 amended by inserting after “uniform negotiated” the fol-
4 lowing: “mutually agreed to”.

5 (d) SBDC HIRING.—Section 21(c)(2)(A) of the
6 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648(c)(2)(A)) is amended
7 by inserting after “full-time staff” the following: “, the
8 hiring of which shall be at the sole discretion of the center
9 without the need for input or approval from any officer
10 or employee of the Administration”.

11 (e) CONTENT OF CONSULTATIONS.—Section
12 21(a)(7)(A) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
13 648(a)(7)(A)) is amended in the matter before clause (i)
14 by inserting after “under this section” the following: “,
15 or the content of any consultation with such an individual
16 or small business concern,”.

17 (f) AMOUNTS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—
18 Section 21(a)(4)(C)(v)(I) of the Small Business Act (15
19 U.S.C. 648(a)(4)(C)(v)(I)) is amended to read as follows:

20 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts
21 made available in any fiscal year to carry
22 out this section, not more than \$500,000
23 may be used by the Administration to pay
24 expenses enumerated in subparagraphs (B)
25 through (D) of section 20(a)(1).”.

1 (g) NON-MATCHING PORTABILITY GRANTS.—Section
2 21(a)(4)(C)(viii) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
3 648(a)(4)(C)(viii)) is amended by adding at the end the
4 following: “In the event of a disaster, the dollar limitation
5 in the preceding sentence shall not apply.”.

6 (h) DISTRIBUTION TO SBDCs.—Section 21(b) of the
7 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648(b)) is amended by
8 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

9 “(4) LIMITATION ON DISTRIBUTION TO SMALL BUSI-
10 NESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise pro-
12 vided in this paragraph, the Administration shall not
13 distribute funds to a Small Business Development
14 Center if the State in which the Small Business De-
15 velopment Center is located is served by more than
16 one Small Business Development Center.

17 “(B) UNAVAILABILITY EXCEPTION.—The Ad-
18 ministration may distribute funds to a maximum of
19 2 Small Business Development Centers in any State
20 if no applicant has applied to serve the entire State.

21 “(C) GRANDFATHER CLAUSE.—The limitations
22 in this paragraph shall not apply to any State in
23 which more than one Small Business Development
24 Center received funding prior to January 1, 2007.

1 “(D) DEFINITION.—For the purposes of this
2 paragraph, the term ‘Small Business Development
3 Center’ means the entity selected by the Administra-
4 tion to receive funds pursuant to the funding for-
5 mula set forth in subsection (a)(4), without regard
6 to the number of sites for service delivery such enti-
7 ty establishes or funds.”.

8 (i) WOMEN’S BUSINESS CENTERS.—Section 21(a)(1)
9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648(a)(1)), as
10 amended, is further amended by striking “and women’s
11 business centers operating pursuant to section 29” and
12 by striking “or a women’s business center operating pur-
13 suant to section 29.”

14 **SEC. 702. ACCESS TO CREDIT AND CAPITAL.**

15 Section 21 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648)
16 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
17 section:

18 “(o) ACCESS TO CREDIT AND CAPITAL PROGRAM.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administration shall
20 establish a grant program for small business devel-
21 opment centers in accordance with this subsection.
22 To be eligible for the program, a small business de-
23 velopment center must be in good standing and com-
24 ply with the other requirements of this section.

1 Funds made available through the program shall be
2 used to—

3 “(A) develop specialized programs to assist
4 local small business concerns in securing capital
5 and repairing damaged credit;

6 “(B) provide informational seminars on se-
7 curing credit and loans;

8 “(C) provide one-on-one counseling with
9 potential borrowers to improve financial presen-
10 tations to lenders; and

11 “(D) facilitate borrowers’ access to non-
12 traditional financing sources, as well as tradi-
13 tional lending sources.

14 “(2) AWARD SIZE LIMIT.—The Administration
15 may not award an entity more than \$300,000 in
16 grant funds under this subsection.

17 “(3) AUTHORITY.—Subject to amounts ap-
18 proved in advance in appropriations Acts and sepa-
19 rate from amounts approved to carry out the pro-
20 gram established in subsection (a)(1), the Adminis-
21 tration may make grants or enter into cooperative
22 agreements to carry out this subsection.

23 “(4) AUTHORIZATION.—There is authorized to
24 be appropriated not more than \$2,500,000 for the

1 purposes of carrying out this subsection for each of
2 the fiscal years 2010 and 2011.”.

3 **SEC. 703. PROCUREMENT TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE.**

4 Section 21 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
5 648), as amended, is further amended by adding at the
6 end the following new subsection:

7 “(p) **PROCUREMENT TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE.**—

8 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Administration shall
9 establish a grant program for small business devel-
10 opment centers in accordance with this subsection.
11 To be eligible for the program, a small business de-
12 velopment center must be in good standing and com-
13 ply with the other requirements of this section.
14 Funds made available through the program shall be
15 used to—

16 “(A) work with local agencies to identify
17 contracts that are suitable for local small busi-
18 ness concerns;

19 “(B) prepare small businesses to be ready
20 as subcontractors and prime contractors for
21 contracts made available under the American
22 Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public
23 Law 111–5) through training and business ad-
24 visement, particularly in the construction
25 trades; and

1 “(C) provide technical assistance regarding
2 the Federal procurement process, including as-
3 sisting small business concerns to comply with
4 federal regulations and bonding requirements.

5 “(2) AWARD SIZE LIMIT.—The Administration
6 may not award an entity more than \$300,000 in
7 grant funds under this subsection.

8 “(3) AUTHORITY.—Subject to amounts ap-
9 proved in advance in appropriations Acts and sepa-
10 rate from amounts approved to carry out the pro-
11 gram established in subsection (a)(1), the Adminis-
12 tration may make grants or enter into cooperative
13 agreements to carry out this subsection.

14 “(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
15 There is authorized to be appropriated not more
16 than \$2,500,000 for the purposes of carrying out
17 this subsection for each of the fiscal years 2010 and
18 2011.”.

19 **SEC. 704. GREEN ENTREPRENEURS TRAINING PROGRAM.**

20 Section 21 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
21 648), as amended, is further amended by adding at the
22 end the following new subsection:

23 “(q) GREEN ENTREPRENEURS TRAINING PRO-
24 GRAM.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administration shall
2 establish a grant program for small business devel-
3 opment centers in accordance with this subsection.
4 To be eligible for the program, a small business de-
5 velopment center must be in good standing and com-
6 ply with the other requirements of this section.
7 Funds made available through the program shall be
8 used to—

9 “(A) provide education classes and one-on-
10 one instruction in starting a business in the
11 fields of energy efficiency, green technology, or
12 clean technology;

13 “(B) coordinate such classes and instruc-
14 tion, to the extent practicable, with local com-
15 munity colleges and local professional trade as-
16 sociations; and

17 “(C) assist and provide technical coun-
18 seling to individuals seeking to start a business
19 in the fields of energy efficiency, green tech-
20 nology, or clean technology.

21 “(2) AWARD SIZE LIMIT.—The Administration
22 may not award an entity more than \$300,000 in
23 grant funds under this subsection.

24 “(3) AUTHORITY.—Subject to amounts ap-
25 proved in advance in appropriations Acts and sepa-

1 rate from amounts approved to carry out the pro-
2 gram established in subsection (a)(1), the Adminis-
3 tration may make grants or enter into cooperative
4 agreements to carry out this subsection.

5 “(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
6 There is authorized to be appropriated not more
7 than \$2,500,000 for the purposes of carrying out
8 this subsection for each of the fiscal years 2010 and
9 2011.”.

10 **SEC. 705. MAIN STREET STABILIZATION.**

11 Section 21 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
12 648), as amended, is further amended by adding the fol-
13 lowing new subsection at the end thereof:

14 “(r) MAIN STREET STABILIZATION.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administration shall
16 establish a grant program for small business devel-
17 opment centers in accordance with this subsection.
18 To be eligible for the program, a small business de-
19 velopment center must be in good standing and com-
20 ply with the other requirements of this section.
21 Funds made available through the program shall be
22 used to—

23 “(A) establish a statewide small business
24 helpline within every State and United States

1 territory to provide immediate expert informa-
2 tion and assistance to small business concerns;

3 “(B) develop a portfolio of online survival
4 and growth tools and resources that struggling
5 small business concerns can utilize through the
6 Internet;

7 “(C) develop business advisory capacity to
8 provide expert consulting and education to as-
9 sist small businesses at-risk of failure and to, in
10 areas of high demand, shorten the response
11 time of small business development centers,
12 and, in rural areas, support added outreach in
13 remote communities;

14 “(D) deploy additional resources to help
15 specific industry sectors with a high presence of
16 small business concerns, which shall be targeted
17 toward clusters of small businesses with similar
18 needs and build upon best practices from earlier
19 assistance;

20 “(E) develop a formal listing of financing
21 options for small business capital access; and

22 “(F) deliver services that help dislocated
23 workers start new businesses.

1 “(2) AWARD SIZE LIMIT.—The Administration
2 may not award an entity more than \$250,000 in
3 grant funds under this subsection.

4 “(3) AUTHORITY.—Subject to amounts ap-
5 proved in advance in appropriations Acts and sepa-
6 rate from amounts approved to carry out the pro-
7 gram established in subsection (a)(1), the Adminis-
8 tration may make grants or enter into cooperative
9 agreements to carry out this subsection.

10 “(4) AUTHORIZATION.—There is authorized to
11 be appropriated not more than \$2,500,000 for the
12 purposes of carrying out this subsection for each of
13 the fiscal years 2010 and 2011.”.

14 **SEC. 706. PROHIBITION ON PROGRAM INCOME BEING USED**
15 **AS MATCHING FUNDS.**

16 Section 21(a)(4)(B) (15 U.S.C. 648(a)(4)(B)) is
17 amended by inserting after “Federal program” the fol-
18 lowing: “and shall not include any funds obtained through
19 the assessment of fees to small business clients”.

20 **SEC. 707. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

21 Section 20 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631
22 note), as amended by sections 403(c) and 504 of this Act,
23 is further amended by inserting after subsection (g) the
24 following new subsection:

1 “(h) SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.—
2 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out the
3 Small Business Development Center Program under sec-
4 tion 21 \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2010 and
5 \$160,000,000 for fiscal year 2011.”.

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