

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1365

AN ACT

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require certain acquisition innovation, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Department of Home-
3 land Security Acquisition Innovation Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ACQUISITION INNOVATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title VII of the Homeland Secu-
6 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 341 et seq.) is amended by
7 adding at the end the following new section:

8 **“SEC. 710. ACQUISITION INNOVATION.**

9 “The Under Secretary for Management may—

10 “(1) designate an individual within the Depart-
11 ment to manage acquisition innovation efforts of the
12 Department;

13 “(2) test emerging acquisition best practices to
14 carrying out acquisitions, consistent with the Fed-
15 eral Acquisition Regulation and Department acquisi-
16 tion management directives, as appropriate;

17 “(3) develop and distribute best practices and
18 lessons learned regarding acquisition innovation
19 throughout the Department;

20 “(4) establish metrics to measure the effective-
21 ness of acquisition innovation efforts with respect to
22 cost, operational efficiency of the acquisition pro-
23 gram (including timeframe for executing contracts),
24 and collaboration with the private sector, including
25 small businesses; and

1 “(5) determine impacts of acquisition innova-
2 tion efforts on the private sector by—

3 “(A) engaging with the private sector, in-
4 cluding small businesses, to provide information
5 and obtain feedback on procurement practices
6 and acquisition innovation efforts of the De-
7 partment;

8 “(B) obtaining feedback from the private
9 sector on the impact of acquisition innovation
10 efforts of the Department; and

11 “(C) incorporating such feedback, as ap-
12 propriate, into future acquisition innovation ef-
13 forts of the Department.”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
15 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
16 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
17 709 the following new item:

 “Sec. 710. Acquisition innovation.”.

18 (c) INFORMATION.—Not later than 90 days after the
19 date on which the Secretary of Homeland Security sub-
20 mits the annual budget justification for the Department
21 of Homeland Security for each of fiscal years 2018
22 through 2022, the Secretary shall, if appropriate, provide
23 information to the Committee on Homeland Security of
24 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
25 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-

1 ate on the activities undertaken in the previous fiscal year
2 in furtherance of section 710 of the Homeland Security
3 Act, as added by subsection (a) of this Act, on the fol-
4 lowing:

5 (1) Emerging acquisition best practices that
6 were tested within the Department during such year.

7 (2) Efforts to distribute best practices and les-
8 sons learned within the Department, including
9 through web-based seminars, training, and forums,
10 during such year.

11 (3) Utilization by components throughout the
12 Department of best practices distributed by the
13 Under Secretary of Management pursuant to para-
14 graph (3) of such section 710.

15 (4) Performance as measured by the metrics es-
16 tablished under paragraph (4) of such section 710.

17 (5) Outcomes of efforts to distribute best prac-
18 tices and lessons learned within the Department, in-
19 cluding through web-based seminars, training, and
20 forums.

21 (6) Any impacts of the utilization of innovative
22 acquisition mechanisms by the Department on the
23 private sector, including small businesses.

24 (7) The criteria used to identify specific acquisi-
25 tion programs or activities to be included in acquisi-

1 tion innovation efforts and the outcomes of such
2 programs or activities.

3 (8) Recommendations, as necessary, to enhance
4 acquisition innovation in the Department.

 Passed the House of Representatives March 24,
2017.

Attest:

Clerk.

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