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# S. 1554

To establish an intergovernmental grant program to identify and develop homeland security information, equipment, capabilities, technologies, and services to further the homeland security of the United States and to address the homeland security needs of Federal, State, and local governments.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 29, 2005

Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle H of title VIII of the  
3 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 451 et seq.)  
4 is amended by inserting after section 890 the following:

5 **“SEC. 890a. HOMELAND SECURITY INFORMATION, EQUIP-**  
6 **MENT, CAPABILITIES, TECHNOLOGIES, AND**  
7 **SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is established the Home-  
9 land Security Information, Equipment, Capabilities, Tech-  
10 nologies, and Services Grant Program. The program shall  
11 identify, develop, or modify existing or near term home-  
12 land security information, equipment, capabilities, tech-  
13 nologies, and services to further the homeland security of  
14 the United States and to address the homeland security  
15 needs of Federal, State, and local governments.

16 “(b) ADMINISTRATION.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In developing the program  
18 established under subsection (a), the Secretary, act-  
19 ing through the Director of the Office for Domestic  
20 Preparedness and the Under Secretary for Science  
21 and Technology, shall—

22 “(A) conduct a needs assessment of Fed-  
23 eral, State, and local governments and first re-  
24 sponders to identify—

1           “(i) the homeland security needs of  
2           Federal, State, and local governments and  
3           first responders; and

4           “(ii) areas where specific homeland  
5           security information, equipment, capabili-  
6           ties, technologies, and services could ad-  
7           dress those needs;

8           “(B) survey near term and existing home-  
9           land security information, equipment, capabili-  
10          ties, technologies, and services developed within  
11          the United States and within other countries  
12          that—

13           “(i) are highly focused on homeland  
14           security issues; and

15           “(ii) have demonstrated the capability  
16           for fruitful cooperation with the United  
17           States in the area of counterterrorism; and

18           “(C) provide grants, directly or through a  
19           nonprofit, nongovernmental organization, to eli-  
20           gible applicants to develop new, or modify exist-  
21           ing, homeland security information, equipment,  
22           capabilities, technologies, and services to ad-  
23           dress the needs identified in subparagraph (A).

1           “(2) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.—An applicant is  
2 eligible to receive a grant under this subsection if  
3 the applicant—

4           “(A) addresses 1 or more needs of Federal,  
5 State, and local governments and first respond-  
6 ers, as identified through the assessment con-  
7 ducted under paragraph (1)(A);

8           “(B) is a joint venture between—

9           “(i) a for profit business entity, aca-  
10 demic institution, or non-profit entity; and

11           “(ii) another entity that has dem-  
12 onstrated capability in the area of  
13 counterterrorism or homeland security; and

14           “(C) meets any other qualifications that  
15 the Secretary may reasonably require.

16           “(3) PRIORITY.—The Secretary shall give pri-  
17 ority to those applicants who propose to provide the  
18 homeland security information, equipment, tech-  
19 nologies, or services developed or modified with  
20 grant funds to Federal, State, and local governments  
21 and first responders.

22           “(4) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—The Sec-  
23 retary may require a recipient of a grant under this  
24 subsection to make available non-Federal matching  
25 contributions in an amount equal to up to 50 per-

1 cent of the total proposed cost of the project for  
2 which the grant was awarded.

3 “(5) GRANT REPAYMENT.—The Secretary may  
4 require a recipient of a grant under this subsection  
5 to repay to the Secretary the amount of the grant,  
6 interest at an appropriate rate, and such charges for  
7 administration of the grant as the Secretary deter-  
8 mines appropriate. The Secretary may not require  
9 that such repayment be more than 150 percent of  
10 the amount of the grant, adjusted for inflation on  
11 the basis of the Consumer Price Index.

12 “(6) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
13 There are authorized to be appropriated  
14 \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 to carry out the  
15 grant program established under this section.”.

16 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—  
17 The table of sections under section 1(b) of the Homeland  
18 Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101(b)) is amended by  
19 inserting after the item relating to section 890 the fol-  
20 lowing:

“Sec. 890a. Homeland Security Information, Equipment, Capabilities,  
Technologies, and Services Grant Program.”.

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