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# S. 2136

To establish the Regional SBIR State Collaborative Initiative Pilot Program,  
and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 6, 2015

Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. COONS) introduced the following  
bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Busi-  
ness and Entrepreneurship

DECEMBER 3, 2015

Reported by Mr. VITTER, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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## A BILL

To establish the Regional SBIR State Collaborative Initiative  
Pilot Program, 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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Improving Small Busi-  
5 ness Innovative Research and Technologies Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. REGIONAL SBIR STATE COLLABORATIVE INITIA-**  
 2 **TIVE PILOT PROGRAM.**

3 Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638)  
 4 is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (mm)—

6 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “for the  
 7 3 fiscal years beginning after the date of enact-  
 8 ment of this subsection,” and inserting “and  
 9 until September 30, 2017,”; and

10 (B) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(7) IN GENERAL.—Each Federal agency that  
 12 is required to conduct an SBIR program shall pro-  
 13 vide 15 percent of the funds allocated to the SBIR  
 14 program of the Federal agency that are set aside for  
 15 administrative purposes under paragraph (1) to the  
 16 Administration—

17 “(A) for the Regional SBIR State Collabo-  
 18 rative Initiative Pilot Program established  
 19 under subsection (tt);

20 “(B) for the Federal and State Technology  
 21 Partnership Program established under section  
 22 34; and

23 “(C) to support the Office of the Adminis-  
 24 tration that administers the SBIR program and  
 25 the STTR program, subject to reasonable costs;

1 in carrying out those programs, including any  
2 conference relating to the programs.

3 “(8) PILOT PROGRAM.—Of amounts provided to  
4 the Administration under paragraph (1), not less  
5 than \$5,000,000 shall be used to provide grants  
6 under the Regional SBIR State Collaborative Initia-  
7 tive Pilot Program established under subsection (tt)  
8 for each fiscal year in which the program is in ef-  
9 fect.”; and

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

11 “(tt) REGIONAL SBIR STATE COLLABORATIVE INI-  
12 TIATIVE PILOT PROGRAM.—

13 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

14 “(A) the term ‘eligible entity’ means—

15 “(i) a research institution; and

16 “(ii) a small business concern;

17 “(B) the term ‘eligible State’ means—

18 “(i) a State that the Administration  
19 determines is in the bottom third of States  
20 with respect to the average number of an-  
21 nual SBIR program and STTR program  
22 awards made to companies in the State for  
23 the preceding 3 years for which the Ad-  
24 ministration has applicable data; and

25 “(ii) an EPSCoR State that—

1                   “(I) is a State described in clause  
2                   (i); or

3                   “(H) is—

4                   “(aa) not a State described  
5                   in clause (i); and

6                   “(bb) invited to participate  
7                   in a regional collaborative;

8                   “(C) the term ‘EPSCoR State’ means a  
9                   State that participates in the Experimental  
10                  Program to Stimulate Competitive Research of  
11                  the National Science Foundation, as established  
12                  under section 113 of the National Science  
13                  Foundation Authorization Act of 1988 (42  
14                  U.S.C. 1862g);

15                  “(D) the term ‘FAST program’ means the  
16                  Federal and State Technology Partnership Pro-  
17                  gram established under section 34;

18                  “(E) the term ‘pilot program’ means the  
19                  Regional SBIR State Collaborative Initiative  
20                  Pilot Program established under paragraph (2);

21                  “(F) the term ‘regional collaborative’  
22                  means a collaborative consisting of eligible enti-  
23                  ties that are located in not less than 3 eligible  
24                  States; and

1           “(G) the term ‘State’ means any State of  
2           the United States, the District of Columbia, the  
3           Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any terri-  
4           tory or possession of the United States.

5           “(2) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator  
6           shall establish a pilot program, to be known as the  
7           Regional SBIR State Collaborative Initiative Pilot  
8           Program, under which the Administrator shall pro-  
9           vide grants to regional collaboratives to address the  
10          needs of small business concerns in order to be more  
11          competitive in the proposal and selection process for  
12          awards under the SBIR program and the STTR  
13          program and to increase technology transfer and  
14          commercialization.

15          “(3) GOALS.—The goals of the pilot program  
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19                 leverage resources to address the needs of small  
20                 business concerns;

21                 “(B) to grow SBIR program and STTR  
22                 program cooperative research and development  
23                 and commercialization through increased  
24                 awards under those programs;

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2 that have historically received a lower level of  
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4 STTR program;

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6 tage of regional collaboratives to better leverage  
7 resources, best practices, and economies of scale  
8 in a region for the purpose of increasing  
9 awards;

10           “(E) to increase the competitiveness of the  
11 SBIR program and the STTR program;

12           “(F) to identify sources of outside funding  
13 for applicants for an award under the SBIR  
14 program and the STTR program, including  
15 venture capitalists, angel investor groups, pri-  
16 vate industry, crowd funding, and special loan  
17 programs; and

18           “(G) to offer increased one-on-one engage-  
19 ments with companies and entrepreneurs for  
20 SBIR program and STTR program education,  
21 assistance, and successful outcomes.

22           “(4) APPLICATION.—

23           “(A) IN GENERAL.—A regional collabo-  
24 rative that desires to participate in the pilot  
25 program shall submit to the Administrator an

1 application at such time, in such manner, and  
 2 containing such information as the Adminis-  
 3 trator may require.

4 “(B) INCLUSION OF LEAD ELIGIBLE ENTI-  
 5 TIES AND COORDINATOR.—A regional collabo-  
 6 rative shall include in an application submitted  
 7 under subparagraph (A)—

8 “(i) the name of each lead eligible en-  
 9 tity from each eligible State in the regional  
 10 collaborative, as designated under para-  
 11 graph (5); and

12 “(ii) the name of the coordinator for  
 13 the regional collaborative, as designated  
 14 under paragraph (6).

15 “(5) LEAD ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each eligible State in  
 17 a regional collaborative shall designate 1 eligible  
 18 entity located in the eligible State to serve as  
 19 the lead eligible entity for the eligible State.

20 “(B) AUTHORIZATION BY GOVERNOR.—  
 21 Each lead eligible entity designated under sub-  
 22 paragraph (A) shall be authorized to act as the  
 23 lead eligible entity by the Governor of the appli-  
 24 cable eligible State.

1           “(C) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Each lead eligi-  
2           ble entity designated under subparagraph (A)  
3           shall be responsible for administering the activi-  
4           ties and program initiatives described in para-  
5           graph (7) in the applicable eligible State.

6           “(6) REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE COORDI-  
7           NATOR.—

8           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each regional collabo-  
9           rative shall designate a coordinator from  
10          amongst the eligible entities located in the eligi-  
11          ble States in the regional collaborative, who  
12          shall serve as the interface between the regional  
13          collaborative and the Administration with re-  
14          spect to the management of grants received  
15          under the pilot program.

16          “(B) LIMITATION.—A regional collabo-  
17          rative may not appoint as coordinator under  
18          subparagraph (A) an eligible entity located in  
19          an EPSCoR State described in paragraph  
20          (1)(B)(ii)(II).

21          “(7) USE OF FUNDS.—Each regional collabo-  
22          rative that is awarded a grant under the pilot pro-  
23          gram shall, in each eligible State in which an eligible  
24          entity of the regional collaborative is located—



1           “(A) establish an initiative under which  
2 first-time applicants for an award under the  
3 SBIR program or the STTR program are re-  
4 viewed by experienced, national experts in the  
5 United States, as determined by the lead eligi-  
6 ble entity designated under paragraph (5);

7           “(B) engage national mentors on a fre-  
8 quent basis to work directly with applicants for  
9 an award under the SBIR program or the  
10 STTR program, particularly during Phase II,  
11 to assist with the process of preparing and sub-  
12 mitting a proposal;

13           “(C) create and make available an online  
14 mechanism to serve as a resource for applicants  
15 for an award under the SBIR program or the  
16 STTR program to identify and connect with  
17 Federal labs, prime government contractor com-  
18 panies, other industry partners, and regional in-  
19 dustry cluster organizations;

20           “(D) conduct focused and concentrated  
21 outreach efforts to increase participation in the  
22 SBIR program and the STTR program by  
23 small business concerns owned and controlled  
24 by women, small business concerns owned and  
25 controlled by veterans, small business concerns

1 owned and controlled by socially and economi-  
 2 cally disadvantaged individuals (as defined in  
 3 section 8(d)(3)(C)), and historically Black col-  
 4 leges and universities;

5 “(E) administer a structured program of  
 6 training and technical assistance—

7 “(i) to prepare applicants for an  
 8 award under the SBIR program or the  
 9 STTR program—

10 “(I) to compete more effectively  
 11 for Phase I and Phase II awards; and

12 “(II) to develop and implement a  
 13 successful commercialization plan; and

14 “(ii) to create more competitive pro-  
 15 posals to increase awards under the SBIR  
 16 program and the STTR program; and

17 “(F) to assist applicants for an award  
 18 under the SBIR program or the STTR program  
 19 to identify sources of outside funding, including  
 20 venture capitalists, angel investor groups, pri-  
 21 vate industry, crowd funding, and special loan  
 22 programs.

23 “(8) GRANT AMOUNT.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator  
 25 may award a grant to each eligible State in

1 which an eligible entity of a regional collabo-  
2 rative is located not more than \$300,000 to  
3 carry out the activities described in paragraph  
4 (7).

5 “(B) LIMITATION.—

6 “(i) IN GENERAL.—An eligible State  
7 may not receive an award under both the  
8 FAST program and the pilot program for  
9 the same year.

10 “(ii) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—

11 Nothing in clause (i) shall be construed to  
12 prevent an eligible State from applying for  
13 an award under the FAST program and  
14 the pilot program for the same year.

15 “(9) DURATION OF GRANT.—A grant awarded

16 under this subsection shall be for a period of not  
17 more than 1 year, and may be renewed by the Ad-  
18 ministrator for 1 additional year.

19 “(10) TERMINATION.—The pilot program shall

20 terminate on September 30, 2017.

21 “(11) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after

22 the date on which the pilot program terminates, the  
23 Administrator shall submit to the Committee on  
24 Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate  
25 and the Committee on Small Business of the House

1 of Representatives a report on the pilot program,  
2 which shall include—

3 “(A) an assessment of the pilot program  
4 and the effectiveness of the pilot program in  
5 meeting the goals described in paragraph (3);

6 “(B) an assessment of the best practices,  
7 including an analysis of how the pilot program  
8 compares to the FAST program and a single  
9 State approach; and

10 “(C) recommendations as to whether any  
11 aspect of the pilot program should be extended  
12 or made permanent.”.

13 **SEC. 3. FAST PROGRAM.**

14 Section 34 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
15 657d) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (h)—

17 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “2001  
18 through 2005” and inserting “2016 and 2017”;  
19 and

20 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “fiscal  
21 years 2001 through 2005” and inserting “each  
22 of fiscal years 2016 and 2017”; and

23 (2) in subsection (i), by striking “September  
24 30, 2005” and inserting “September 30, 2017”.

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Improving Small Busi-*  
 3 *ness Innovative Research and Technologies Act of 2015”.*

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 10 *3 fiscal years beginning after the date of enact-*  
 11 *ment of this subsection,” and inserting “and*  
 12 *until September 30, 2017;”;* and

13 *(B) by adding at the end the following:*

14 *“(7) SBIR AND STTR PROGRAMS; FAST PRO-*  
 15 *GRAM.—*

16 *“(A) DEFINITION.—In this paragraph, the*  
 17 *term ‘covered Federal agency’ means a Federal*  
 18 *agency that—*

19 *“(i) is required to conduct an SBIR*  
 20 *program; and*

21 *“(ii) elects to use the funds allocated to*  
 22 *the SBIR program of the Federal agency for*  
 23 *the purposes described in paragraph (1).*

24 *“(B) REQUIREMENT.—Each covered Federal*  
 25 *agency shall provide an amount equal to 15 per-*  
 26 *cent of the funds that are used for the purposes*

1           described in paragraph (1) to the Administra-  
2           tion—

3                   “(i) for the Regional SBIR State Col-  
4                   laborative Initiative Pilot Program estab-  
5                   lished under subsection (tt);

6                   “(ii) for the Federal and State Tech-  
7                   nology Partnership Program established  
8                   under section 34; and

9                   “(iii) to support the Office of the Ad-  
10                  ministration that administers the SBIR  
11                  program and the STTR program, subject to  
12                  agreement from other agencies about how  
13                  the funds will be used, in carrying out those  
14                  programs and the programs described in  
15                  clauses (i) and (ii).

16               “(8) PILOT PROGRAM.—

17                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—Of amounts provided to  
18                   the Administration under paragraph (7), not less  
19                   than \$5,000,000 shall be used to provide awards  
20                   under the Regional SBIR State Collaborative  
21                   Initiative Pilot Program established under sub-  
22                   section (tt) for each fiscal year in which the pro-  
23                   gram is in effect.

24                   “(B) DISBURSEMENT FLEXIBILITY.—The  
25                   Administration may used any unused funds

1           *made available under subparagraph (A) as of*  
 2           *April 1 of each fiscal year for awards to carry*  
 3           *out clauses (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (7)(B)*  
 4           *after providing written notice to—*

5                     *“(i) the Committee on Small Business*  
 6                     *and Entrepreneurship and the Committee*  
 7                     *on Appropriations of the Senate; and*

8                     *“(ii) the Committee on Small Business*  
 9                     *and the Committee on Appropriations of the*  
 10                    *House of Representatives.”; and*

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 20                     *termines is in the bottom half of States,*  
 21                     *based on the average number of annual*  
 22                     *SBIR program awards made to companies*  
 23                     *in the State for the preceding 3 years for*  
 24                     *which the Administration has applicable*  
 25                     *data; and*

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3                   (i); or  
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14                   dation Authorization Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C.  
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12          awards under the SBIR program and the STTR pro-  
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14          mercialization.

15          “(3) *GOALS.*—The goals of the pilot program  
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4 program;

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7 sources, best practices, and economies of scale in  
8 a region for the purpose of increasing awards  
9 and increasing the commercialization of the  
10 SBIR program and STTR projects;

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24           “(A) IN GENERAL.—A regional collaborative  
25 that desires to participate in the pilot program

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5           “(B) *INCLUSION OF LEAD ELIGIBLE ENTI-*  
6           *TIES AND COORDINATOR.*—*A regional collabo-*  
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9                   “(i) *the name of each lead eligible enti-*  
10                  *ty from each eligible State in the regional*  
11                  *collaborative, as designated under para-*  
12                  *graph (5)(A); and*

13                   “(ii) *the name of the coordinator for*  
14                  *the regional collaborative, as designated*  
15                  *under paragraph (6).*

16           “(C) *AVOIDANCE OF DUPLICATION.*—*A re-*  
17           *gional collaborative shall include in an applica-*  
18           *tion submitted under subparagraph (A) an ex-*  
19           *planation as to how the activities of the regional*  
20           *collaborative under the pilot program would dif-*  
21           *fer from other State and Federal outreach activi-*  
22           *ties in each eligible State in the regional collabo-*  
23           *rative.*

24           “(5) *LEAD ELIGIBLE ENTITY.*—

1           “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*Each eligible State in a*  
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4           *lead eligible entity for the eligible State.*

5           “(B) *AUTHORIZATION BY GOVERNOR.*—  
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7                *United States, as determined by the lead eligible*  
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13           *for Phase I and Phase II awards; and*

14           *“(II) to develop and implement a*  
15           *successful commercialization plan;*

16           *“(ii) to assist eligible States focusing*  
17           *on transition and commercialization to win*  
18           *Phase III awards from public and private*  
19           *partners;*

20           *“(iii) to create more competitive pro-*  
21           *posals to increase awards from all Federal*  
22           *sources, with a focus on awards under the*  
23           *SBIR program and the STTR program;*  
24           *and*

1           “(iv) to assist first-time applicants by  
2           providing small grants for proof of concept  
3           research; and

4           “(F) assist applicants for an award under  
5           the SBIR program or the STTR program to  
6           identify sources of outside funding, including  
7           venture capitalists, angel investor groups, pri-  
8           vate industry, crowd funding, and special loan  
9           programs.

10          “(8) AWARD AMOUNT.—

11           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator  
12           shall provide an award to each eligible State in  
13           which an eligible entity of a regional collabo-  
14           rative is located in an amount that is not more  
15           than \$300,000 to carry out the activities de-  
16           scribed in paragraph (7).

17           “(B) LIMITATION.—

18           “(i) IN GENERAL.—An eligible State  
19           may not receive an award under both the  
20           FAST program and the pilot program for  
21           the same year.

22           “(ii) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Noth-  
23           ing in clause (i) shall be construed to pre-  
24           vent an eligible State from applying for an

1                   *award under the FAST program and the*  
2                   *pilot program for the same year.*

3                   “(9) *DURATION OF AWARD.*—*An award provided*  
4                   *under the pilot program shall be for a period of not*  
5                   *more than 1 year, and may be renewed by the Ad-*  
6                   *ministrator for 1 additional year.*

7                   “(10) *TERMINATION.*—*The pilot program shall*  
8                   *terminate on September 30, 2017.*

9                   “(11) *REPORT.*—*Not later than September 30,*  
10                  *2018, the Administrator shall submit to the Com-*  
11                  *mittee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of*  
12                  *the Senate and the Committee on Small Business of*  
13                  *the House of Representatives a report on the pilot*  
14                  *program, which shall include—*

15                  “(A) *an assessment of the pilot program*  
16                  *and the effectiveness of the pilot program in*  
17                  *meeting the goals described in paragraph (3);*

18                  “(B) *an assessment of the best practices, in-*  
19                  *cluding an analysis of how the pilot program*  
20                  *compares to the FAST program and a single*  
21                  *State approach; and*

22                  “(C) *recommendations as to whether any*  
23                  *aspect of the pilot program should be extended or*  
24                  *made permanent.”.*



1 **SEC. 3. FAST PROGRAM.**

2        *Section 34 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657d)*  
3 *is amended—*

4            *(1) in subsection (h)—*

5                *(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “2001*  
6 *through 2005” and inserting “2016 and 2017”;*  
7 *and*

8                *(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “fiscal*  
9 *years 2001 through 2005” and inserting “each of*  
10 *fiscal years 2016 and 2017”; and*

11            *(2) in subsection (i), by striking “September 30,*  
12 *2005” and inserting “September 30, 2017”.*

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