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Governmental Affairs

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## 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:

KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk.*