

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117–

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Page 785, insert after line 11 the following:

1 **Subtitle C—Industry Participation**
2 **in Global Standards Organizations**

3 **SEC. 20221. SUPPORT FOR INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION IN**
4 **GLOBAL STANDARDS ORGANIZATIONS.**

5 (a) DEFINITION.—In this section:

6 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
7 trator” means the Administrator of the Small Busi-
8 ness Administration.

9 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
10 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
11 mittees” means the following:

12 (A) The Committee on Science, Space, and
13 Technology of the House of Representatives.

14 (B) The Committee on Commerce, Science,
15 and Transportation of the Senate.

16 (C) The Committee on Energy and Com-
17 merce of the House of Representatives.

1 (D) The Committee on Energy and Nat-
2 ural Resources of the Senate.

3 (E) The Committee on Small Business of
4 the House of Representatives.

5 (F) The Committee on Small Business and
6 Entrepreneurship of the Senate.

7 (3) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.—The term “ar-
8 tificial intelligence” has the meaning given the term
9 in section 238(g) of the John S. McCain National
10 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (10
11 U.S.C. 2358 note).

12 (4) COVERED ENTITY.—The term “covered en-
13 tity” means a small business concern that is incor-
14 porated and maintains a primary place of business
15 in the United States.

16 (5) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.—The term
17 “small business concern” has the meaning given the
18 term in section 3 of the Small Business Act (15
19 U.S.C. 632).

20 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
21 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall
22 establish a program to support participation by covered
23 entities in meetings and proceedings of standards develop-
24 ment organizations in the development of voluntary tech-
25 nical standards.

1 (c) ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the program estab-
2 lished under subsection (b), the Administrator shall award
3 competitive, merit-reviewed grants to covered entities to
4 cover the reasonable costs, up to a specified ceiling, of par-
5 ticipation of employees of those covered entities in meet-
6 ings and proceedings of standards development organiza-
7 tions, including—

- 8 (1) regularly attending meetings;
- 9 (2) contributing expertise and research;
- 10 (3) proposing new work items; and
- 11 (4) volunteering for leadership roles such as a
12 convener or editor.

13 (d) AWARD CRITERIA.—The Administrator may only
14 provide a grant under this section to a covered entity
15 that—

- 16 (1) demonstrates deep technical expertise in key
17 emerging technologies and technical standards, in-
18 cluding artificial intelligence and related tech-
19 nologies;
- 20 (2) commits personnel with such expertise to
21 regular participation in global bodies responsible for
22 developing standards for such technologies over the
23 period of the grant;
- 24 (3) agrees to participate in efforts to coordinate
25 between the Federal Government and industry to en-

1 sure protection of national security interests in the
2 setting of global standards so long as such standards
3 are not dictated by the Federal Government; and

4 (4) provides a plan to the Administrator that
5 details the relationship between the activities de-
6 scribed in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) and the pro-
7 posed standards to be adopted.

8 (e) NO MATCHING CONTRIBUTION.—A recipient of
9 an award under this section shall not be required to pro-
10 vide a matching contribution.

11 (f) EVALUATION.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—In making awards under
13 this section, the Administrator shall coordinate with
14 the Director of the National Institute of Standards
15 and Technology, who shall provide support in the as-
16 sessment of technical expertise in emerging tech-
17 nologies and standards setting needs.

18 (2) PANEL RANKING.—In carrying out the re-
19 quirements under paragraph (1), the Administrator
20 and the Director shall jointly establish a panel of ex-
21 perts to rank the proposed standards, based on
22 merit and relevance, to be composed of experts
23 from—

24 (A) private industry;

25 (B) non-profit institutions;

1 (C) non-profit standards development orga-
2 nizations;

3 (D) academia; and

4 (E) the Federal Government.

5 (g) REPORT.—Not less than annually, the Adminis-
6 trator shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
7 mittees a report on—

8 (1) the efficacy of the program;

9 (2) an explanation of any standard adopted as
10 a result of the program;

11 (3) any challenges faced in carrying out the
12 program; and

13 (4) proposed solutions to the challenges identi-
14 fied in paragraph (3).

15 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—There is
16 authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2022 and
17 each fiscal year thereafter \$1,000,000 to carry out the
18 program established under this section.

