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At the end of subtitle B of title II, add the following new section:

SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF INNOVATORS DATABASE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

(a) In General.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall establish an innovators database within the Department of Defense in accordance with this section.

(b) Maintenance of Database.—The Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering shall maintain the database and ensure that it is periodically updated.

(c) Elements of Database.—The database established under subsection (a) shall—

(1) be coordinated across the Department of Defense enterprise to focus on small business innovators that receive funds under the Small Business Innovation Research program or the Small Business Technology Transfer program; and
(2) include appropriate information about each participant, including a description of—

(A) the need or requirement applicable to the participant;

(B) the participant’s technology with appropriate technical detail and appropriate protections of proprietary information or data;

(C) any prior business of the participant with the Department; and

(D) whether the participant’s technology was incorporated into a program of record.

(d) USE OF DATABASE.—After the database is established under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall encourage program offices across the Department of Defense to consult the database before initiating a Request for Information or a Request for Proposal to determine whether an organic technology exists or is being developed currently by an entity supported by the Department (which may include a company, academic consortium, or other entity).