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To establish a pilot program to accelerate entrepreneurship and innovation by partnering world-class entrepreneurs with Federal agencies.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. LANDRIEU 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

To establish a pilot program to accelerate entrepreneurship and innovation by partnering world-class entrepreneurs with Federal agencies.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Federal Entrepreneur-in-Residence Act of 2012''.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act—

(1) the term ''Administrator'' means the Administrator of the Small Business Administration;

(2) the term ''agency'' means an Executive agency, as defined in section 105 of title 5, United States Code;

(3) the term ''Director'' means the Director of the Office of Personnel Management;

(4) the term ''entrepreneur-in-residence'' means an individual appointed to a position under the program;

(5) the term ''program'' means the Federal entrepreneur-in-residence program established under section 3(a); and

(6) the term ''small business concern'' has the meaning given that term under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

SEC. 3. FEDERAL ENTREPRENEUR-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM.

(a) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—The Director, in consultation with the Administrator, shall establish a Federal entrepreneur-in-residence program under which the Director, with the concurrence of the head of an agency, may appoint an entrepreneur-in-residence to a position in the excepted service in the agency to carry out the duties described in subsection (d).

(b) MISSION OF PROGRAM.—The mission of the program shall be to—

(1) provide for better outreach by the Federal Government to the private sector;

(2) strengthen coordination and interaction between the Federal Government and the private sector on issues relevant to entrepreneurs and small business concerns; and

(3) make Federal programs simpler, quicker, more efficient, and more responsive to the needs of small business concerns and entrepreneurs.

(c) APPOINTMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director—

(A) shall appoint entrepreneurs-in-residence under the program during each year; and

(B) may not appoint more than 10 entrepreneurs-in-residence during any year.

(2) SELECTION.—The Director shall select entrepreneurs-in-residence from among individuals who—

(A) are successful in their field;

(B) have demonstrated success in working with small business concerns and entrepreneurs; or

(C) have successfully developed, invented, or created a product and brought the product to the marketplace.

(3) PLACEMENT.—In appointing entrepreneurs-in-residence, the Director shall—

(A) give priority to placing entrepreneurs-in-residence across the Federal Government at separate agencies; and

(B) to the extent practicable, not appoint more than 2 entrepreneurs-in-residence to positions in the same agency during the same year.

(4) TERMS OF APPOINTMENT.—An entrepreneur-in-residence—

(A) shall be a full-time employee of the agency to which the entrepreneur-in-residence is appointed; and

(B) may not serve as an entrepreneur-in-residence for more than a period of 2 years.

(d) DUTIES.—An entrepreneur-in-residence shall—

(1) assist Federal agencies in improving outreach to small business concerns and entrepreneurs;

(2) provide recommendations to the head of the agency employing the entrepreneur-in-residence on inefficient or duplicative programs, if any, at the agency;

(3) provide recommendations to the head of the agency employing the entrepreneur-in-residence on methods to improve program efficiency at the agency

or new initiatives, if any, that may be instituted at the agency;

(4) facilitate meetings and forums to educate small business concerns and entrepreneurs on programs or initiatives of the agency employing the entrepreneur-in-residence;

(5) facilitate in-service sessions with employees of the agency employing the entrepreneur-in-residence on issues of concern to entrepreneurs and small business concerns; and

(6) provide technical assistance or mentorship to small business concerns and entrepreneurs in accessing programs at the agency employing the entrepreneur-in-residence.

(e) COMPENSATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The rate of basic pay for an entrepreneur-in-residence shall be equivalent to the rate of basic pay for a position at GS–13, GS–14, or GS–15 of the General Schedule, which shall be determined in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Director.

(2) PROMOTION.—If an entrepreneur-in-residence with a rate of pay equivalent to the rate of basic pay for a position at GS–13 or GS–14 satisfactorily completes 1 year of service in position

under this section, the entrepreneur-in-residence may receive an increase in the rate of basic pay to be equal to the rate of basic pay for a position 1 grade higher on the General Schedule than the initial rate of basic pay of the entrepreneur-in-residence.

(f) REPORTING.—An entrepreneur-in-residence shall report directly to the head of the agency employing the entrepreneur-in-residence.

(g) TERMINATION.—The Director may not appoint an entrepreneur-in-residence under this section after September 30, 2016.

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