

AMENDMENT

OFFERED BY MS. ESHOO OF CALIFORNIA

In title I, add at the end the following new subtitle:

1 **Subtitle J—Clean Technology Busi-**
2 **ness Competition Grant Pro-**
3 **gram**

4 **SEC. 191. CLEAN TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS COMPETITION**
5 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy is au-
7 thorized to provide grants to organizations to conduct
8 business competitions that provide incentives, training,
9 and mentorship to entrepreneurs and early stage start-up
10 companies throughout the United States to meet high pri-
11 ority economic, environmental, and energy security goals
12 in areas to include energy efficiency, renewable energy, air
13 quality, water quality and conservation, transportation,
14 smart grid, green building, and waste management. Such
15 competitions shall have the purpose of accelerating the de-
16 velopment and deployment of clean technology businesses
17 and green jobs; stimulating green economic development;
18 providing business training and mentoring to early stage
19 clean technology companies; and strengthening the com-
20 petitiveness of United States clean technology industry in

1 world trade markets. Priority shall be given to business
2 competitions that are private sector led, encourage re-
3 gional and interregional cooperation, and can demonstrate
4 market-driven practices and show the creation of cost-ef-
5 fective green jobs through an annual publication of com-
6 petition activities and directory of companies.

7 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—An organization eligible for a
8 grant under subsection (a) is—

9 (1) any organization described in section
10 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and
11 exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code;
12 and

13 (2) any sponsored entity of an organization de-
14 scribed in paragraph (1) that is operated as a non-
15 profit entity.

16 (c) PRIORITY.—In making grants under this section,
17 the Secretary shall give priority to those organizations
18 that can demonstrate broad funding support from private
19 and other non-Federal funding sources to leverage Federal
20 investment.

21 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
22 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
23 to be appropriated \$20,000,000.

