**Background**: The FY19 NDAA repealed the original RIF provision (Section 1073 of the FY11 NDAA) and codified RIF in law (Section 2359a of title 10, United States Code) as follows. FY20 NDAA changes are reflected with **green text** below.

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**‘‘§ 2359a. Defense Research and Development Rapid Innovation**

**Program**

‘‘(a) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—

(1) The Secretary of Defense shall

establish a competitive, merit-based program to accelerate the

fielding of technologies developed pursuant to phase II Small Business

Innovation Research Program projects, **phase II Small Business**

**Technology Transfer Program projects**, technologies developed

by the defense laboratories, and other innovative technologies

(including dual use technologies).

‘‘(2) The purpose of this program is to stimulate innovative

technologies and reduce acquisition or lifecycle costs, address technical

risks, improve the timeliness and thoroughness of test and

evaluation outcomes, and rapidly insert such products directly in

support of primarily major defense acquisition programs, but also

other defense acquisition programs that meet critical national security

needs.

‘‘(b) GUIDELINES.—The Secretary shall issue guidelines for the

operation of the program. At a minimum such guidance shall provide

for the following:

‘‘(1) The issuance of one or more broad agency announcements

or the use of any other competitive or merit-based processes

by the Department of Defense for candidate proposals

in support of defense acquisition programs as described in

subsection (a).

‘‘(2) The review of candidate proposals by the Department

of Defense and by each military department and the meritbased

selection of the most promising cost-effective proposals

for funding through contracts, cooperative agreements, and

other transactions for the purposes of carrying out the program.

‘‘(3) The total amount of funding provided to any project

under the program from funding provided under subsection

(d) shall not exceed **$6,000,000**. ~~$3,000,000, unless the Secretary,~~

~~or the Secretary’s designee, approves a larger amount of funding for~~

~~the project.~~

‘‘(4) No project shall receive more than a total of two

years of funding under the program from funding provided

under subsection (d), unless the Secretary, or the Secretary’s

designee, approves funding for any additional year.

‘‘(5) Mechanisms to facilitate transition of follow-on or current

projects carried out under the program into defense

acquisition programs, through the use of the authorities of

section 2302e of this title or such other authorities as may

be appropriate to conduct further testing, low rate production,

or full rate production of technologies developed under the

program.

‘‘(6) Projects are selected using merit-based selection procedures

and the selection of projects is not subject to undue

influence by Congress or other Federal agencies.

**(7) A preference under the program for funding small**

**business concerns.**

‘‘(c) TREATMENT PURSUANT TO CERTAIN CONGRESSIONAL

RULES.—Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to require

or enable any official of the Department of Defense to provide

funding under this section to any earmark as defined pursuant

to House Rule XXI, clause 9, or any congressionally directed

spending item as defined pursuant to Senate Rule XLIV, paragraph 5.

‘‘(d) FUNDING.—

1. Subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose

**and to the limitation under paragraph (2)**, the amounts

authorized to be appropriated for research, development, test,

and evaluation for a fiscal year may be used for such fiscal year

for the program established under subsection (a).

1. **During any fiscal year, the total amount of awards in an**

**amount greater than $3,000,000 made under the program**

**established under subsection (a) may not exceed 25 percent**

**of the amount made available to carry out such program**

**during such fiscal year.’’**

‘‘(e) TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—

1. The Secretary may transfer funds available for the program

to the research, development, test, and evaluation accounts of a

military department, defense agency, or the unified combatant

command for special operations forces pursuant to a proposal,

or any part of a proposal, that the Secretary determines would

directly support the purposes of the program.

‘‘(2) The transfer authority provided in this subsection is in

addition to any other transfer authority available to the Department

of Defense.’’

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