

1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
BOETTLERT OF NEW YORK, OR HIS
DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

**AMENDMENT TO 250, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. BOEHLERT OF NEW YORK**

At the end of the bill, add the following new sections:

1 SEC. 10. KATRINA ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

2 (a) PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT.— Not later than 30
3 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director
4 of the National Institute of Standards and Technology
5 shall establish within the Manufacturing Extension Part-
6 nership program established under sections 25 and 26 of
7 the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act
8 (15 U.S.C. 278k and 278l) a Katrina Assistance Program,
9 to provide assistance to impacted small and medium-sized
10 manufacturers in the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina.

11 (b) PURPOSES.—The Katrina Assistance Program
12 shall—

13 (1) establish triage teams, consisting of per-
14 sonnel from within the national network of Manufac-
15 turing Extension Partnership Centers established
16 under section 25 of the National Institute of Stand-
17 ards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278k) and local
18 experts, the purpose of which shall be to assist im-
19 pacted manufacturers;



1 (2) develop virtual assistance centers, consisting
2 of databases incorporating the results and rec-
3 ommendations of the triage team assessments;

4 (3) assess the potential disruption on national
5 manufacturing supply chains as a result of Hurri-
6 cane Katrina, and develop recommendations of how
7 to minimize such disruption; and

8 (4) provide assistance to small and medium-
9 sized manufacturers in the areas affected by Hurri-
10 cane Katrina, consistent with the authorities of the
11 Manufacturing Extension Partnership program es-
12 tablished under section 25 and 26 of the National
13 Institute of Standards and Technology Act (15
14 U.S.C. 278k and 278l).

15 (c) NO MATCHING FUND REQUIREMENT.—Assist-
16 ance under the Program established under this section
17 shall be exempt from matching requirements for the Man-
18 ufacturing Extension Partnership program under the Na-
19 tional Institute of Standards and Technology Act.

20 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
21 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Com-
22 merce such sums as may be necessary for the Katrina As-
23 sistance Program established under this section.



1 **SEC. 11. BUILT ENVIRONMENT INVESTIGATION FOR HURRI-**
2 **CANE KATRINA.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Director of the National In-
4 stitute of Standards and Technology shall carry out an
5 engineering performance study of the effects of Hurricane
6 Katrina in the areas of Louisiana, Alabama, and Mis-
7 sissippi covered by the President’s major disaster declara-
8 tions of August 29, 2005. The study shall be based on
9 an examination of physical structures damaged due to ex-
10 cessive wind, storm surge, and flooding, including—

11 (1) key physical infrastructures such as ports,
12 utilities, lifelines associated with infrastructure fa-
13 cilities, and transportation systems; and

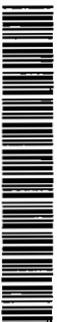
14 (2) engineered and nonengineered buildings.

15 (b) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of the study shall be
16 to—

17 (1) develop new knowledge concerning practices
18 related to building standards and codes; and

19 (2) review the adequacy of current building
20 codes and standards for excessive wind, storm surge,
21 and flooding.

22 (c) **MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES.**—The Director of
23 the National Institute of Standards and Technology may
24 convene public meetings and conferences to inform the
25 public, government authorities, and relevant professional



1 associations regarding findings and recommendations of
2 the study.

3 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated to the Director of the
5 National Institute of Standards and Technology
6 \$3,000,000 for carrying out this section.

