

Hillary Rodham Clinton

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Purpose: To establish a National Priority Project Designation.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mrs. CLINTON

Viz: *for herself and MR. AUCARD*

1 On page 159, after line 23, add the following:

2 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL PRIORITY PROJECT DESIGNATION.**

3 (a) DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL PRIORITY
4 PROJECTS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is established the Na-
6 tional Priority Project Designation (referred to in
7 this section as the "Designation"), which shall be
8 evidenced by a medal bearing the inscription "Na-
9 tional Priority Project".

1 (2) DESIGN AND MATERIALS.—The medal shall
2 be of such design and materials and bear such addi-
3 tional inscriptions as the President may prescribe.

4 (b) MAKING AND PRESENTATION OF DESIGNA-
5 TION.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President, on the basis
7 of recommendations made by the Secretary, shall an-
8 nually designate organizations that have—

9 (A) advanced the field of renewable energy
10 technology and contributed to North American
11 energy independence; and

12 (B) been certified by the Secretary under
13 subsection (e).

14 (2) PRESENTATION.—The President shall des-
15 ignate projects with such ceremonies as the Presi-
16 dent may prescribe.

17 (3) USE OF DESIGNATION.—An organization
18 that receives a Designation under this section may
19 publicize the Designation of the organization as a
20 National Priority Project in advertising.

21 (4) CATEGORIES IN WHICH THE DESIGNATION
22 MAY BE GIVEN.—Separate Designations shall be
23 made to qualifying projects in each of the following
24 categories:

1 (A) Wind and biomass energy generation
2 projects.

3 (B) Photovoltaic and fuel cell energy gen-
4 eration projects.

5 (C) Energy efficient building and renew-
6 able energy projects.

7 (D) First-in-Class projects.

8 (e) SELECTION CRITERIA.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Certification and selection of
10 the projects to receive the Designation shall be based
11 on criteria established under this subsection.

12 (2) WIND, BIOMASS, AND BUILDING
13 PROJECTS.—In the case of a wind, biomass, or
14 building project, the project shall demonstrate that
15 the project will install not less than 30 megawatts
16 of renewable energy generation capacity.

17 (3) SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC AND FUEL CELL
18 PROJECTS.—In the case of a solar photovoltaic or
19 fuel cell project, the project shall demonstrate that
20 the project will install not less than 3 megawatts of
21 renewable energy generation capacity.

22 (4) ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDING AND RENEW-
23 ABLE ENERGY PROJECTS.—In the case of an energy
24 efficient building or renewable energy project, in ad-
25 dition to meeting the criteria established under para-

1 graph (2), each building project shall demonstrate
2 that the project will—

3 (A) comply with third-party certification
4 standards for high-performance, sustainable
5 buildings;

6 (B) use whole-building integration of en-
7 ergy efficiency and environmental performance
8 design and technology, including advanced
9 building controls;

10 (C) use renewable energy for at least 50
11 percent of the energy consumption of the
12 project;

13 (D) comply with applicable Energy Star
14 standards; and

15 (E) include at least 5,000,000 square feet
16 of enclosed space.

17 (5) **FIRST-IN-CLASS USE.**—Notwithstanding
18 paragraphs (2) through (4), a new building project
19 may qualify under this section if the Secretary deter-
20 mines that the project—

21 (A) represents a First-In-Class use of re-
22 newable energy; or

23 (B) otherwise establishes a new paradigm
24 of building integrated renewable energy use or
25 energy efficiency.

1 (d) APPLICATION.—

2 (1) INITIAL APPLICATIONS.—No later than 120
3 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and an-
4 nually thereafter, the Secretary shall publish in the
5 Federal Register an invitation and guidelines for
6 submitting applications, consistent with this section.

7 (2) CONTENTS.—The application shall describe
8 the project, or planned project, and the plans to
9 meet the criteria established under subsection (c).

10 (e) CERTIFICATION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
12 the application period described in subsection (d),
13 and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall certify
14 projects that are reasonably expected to meet the
15 criteria established under subsection (c).

16 (2) CERTIFIED PROJECTS.—The Secretary shall
17 designate personnel of the Department to work with
18 persons carrying out each certified project and en-
19 sure that the personnel—

20 (A) provide each certified project with
21 guidance in meeting the criteria established
22 under subsection (c);

23 (B) identify programs of the Department,
24 including National Laboratories and Technology
25 Centers, that will assist each project in meeting

1 the criteria established under subsection (c);
2 and

3 (C) ensure that knowledge and transfer of
4 the most current technology between the appli-
5 cable resources of the Federal Government (in-
6 cluding the National Laboratories and Tech-
7 nology Centers, the Department, and the Envi-
8 ronmental Protection Agency) and the certified
9 projects is being facilitated to accelerate com-
10 mercialization of work developed through those
11 resources.

12 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
13 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
14 essary to carry out this section for each of fiscal years
15 2006 through 2010.