Congressman Doggett Secures $150,000 for Texas State University’s Center for Entrepreneurial Action

United States Congressman Lloyd Doggett (D-TX) recently secured $150,000 for Texas State University’s Center for Entrepreneurial Action. The funds, which were secured through the Financial Services Appropriations Bill, will support regional economic development and job growth by providing support, assistance, and training to regional entrepreneurs and inventors.

"As this nation gets back on the road to prosperity and growth in the 21st century, good old American ingenuity will be the key," said Congressman Doggett. "Texas State University’s Center for Entrepreneurial Action is uniquely positioned to make a significant social and economic impact by providing our nation’s brightest minds with the tools they need to develop new businesses and services, innovative technologies, and the kind of big ideas that will get Texas on the fast track to future success. I am confident that these funds will be put to good use and that an innovative new generation of American entrepreneurs and inventors will emerge from this program."

Entrepreneurship is a rapidly expanding academic field, as recent research indicates that new and emerging firms generate approximately 80 percent of all new jobs and 100 percent of all "net" new jobs.

"Effective entrepreneurship education requires a hands-on, experiential approach to learning. We seek to provide our students with a wide array of real world entrepreneurial experiences by getting them more involved in the community and creating a stronger linkage with the outside world. Thanks to Congressman Doggett’s efforts, we will be able to further improve and grow this important program," said Dr. Robert Hill, Director of the Center for Entrepreneurial Action.

Texas State University’s Center for Entrepreneurial Action’s program emphasizes hands-on, community-based, experiential training. Moreover, the majority of the Center’s faculty has first hand experience in new venture formation. Similarly, the leaders of the center’s technology programs have industry and technology commercialization experience. The expertise of these leaders will increase both speed to market and the success rate of the businesses generated. Finally, by
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