

Public Law 108–413  
108th Congress

An Act

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the University of New Mexico, to construct and occupy a portion of the Hibben Center for Archaeological Research at the University of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

Oct. 30, 2004  
[S. 643]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Hibben Center Act”.

Hibben Center  
Act.  
16 USC 410ii  
note.

**SEC. 2. LEASE AGREEMENT.**

(a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—The Secretary of the Interior may enter into an agreement with the University of New Mexico to lease space in the Hibben Center for Archaeological Research at the University of New Mexico for research on, and curation of, the archaeological research collections of the National Park Service relating to the Chaco Culture National Historical Park and Aztec Ruins National Monument.

(b) **TERM; RENT.**—The lease shall provide for a term not exceeding 40 years and a nominal annual lease payment.

(c) **IMPROVEMENTS.**—The lease shall permit the Secretary to make improvements and install furnishings and fixtures related to the use and curation of the collections.

**SEC. 3. GRANT.**

Upon execution of the lease, the Secretary may contribute to the University of New Mexico:

(1) up to 37 percent of the cost of construction of the Hibben Center, not to exceed \$1,750,000; and

(2) the cost of improvements, not to exceed \$2,488,000.

**SEC. 4. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.**

The Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with the University of New Mexico, Federal agencies, and Indian tribes for the curation of and conduct of research on artifacts, and to encourage collaborative management of the Chacoan archaeological artifacts associated with northwestern New Mexico.

16 USC 410ii  
note.

**SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary for the purposes of this Act.

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 643 (H.R. 3258):**

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