

and departments and agencies listed in subsection (b).

(b) COORDINATION.—The Commandant shall seek to coordinate the collection, sharing, and use of information, intelligence, and data related to the Arctic maritime domain between the Coast Guard and the following:

- (1) The Department of Homeland Security.
- (2) The Department of Defense.
- (3) The Department of Transportation.
- (4) The Department of State.
- (5) The Department of the Interior.
- (6) The National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
- (7) The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
- (8) The Environmental Protection Agency.
- (9) The National Science Foundation.
- (10) The Arctic Research Commission.
- (11) Any Federal agency or commission or State the Commandant determines is appropriate.

(c) COOPERATION.—The Commandant and the head of a department or agency listed in subsection (b) may by agreement, on a reimbursable basis or otherwise, share personnel, services, equipment, and facilities to carry out the requirements of this section.

(d) 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN.—Not later than January 1, 2016 and every 5 years thereafter, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a 5-year strategic plan to guide inter-agency and international intergovernmental cooperation and coordination for the purpose of improving maritime domain awareness in the Arctic.

(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section the term “Arctic” has the meaning given that term in section 112 of the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C. 4111).

(Added Pub. L. 113–281, title V, §502(a), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 3057, §154; renumbered §714, Pub. L. 115–282, title I, §106(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4203.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115–282 renumbered section 154 of this title as this section.

#### § 715. Oceanographic research

The Coast Guard shall conduct such oceanographic research, use such equipment or instruments, and collect and analyze such oceanographic data, in cooperation with other agencies of the Government, or not, as may be in the national interest.

(Added Pub. L. 87–396, §1, Oct. 5, 1961, 75 Stat. 827, §94; renumbered §715, Pub. L. 115–282, title I, §106(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4203.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115–282 renumbered section 94 of this title as this section.

#### § 716. Arctic maritime transportation

(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to ensure safe and secure maritime shipping in the Arctic including the availability of aids to navigation, vessel escorts, spill response capability, and maritime search and rescue in the Arctic.

(b) INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION AGREEMENTS.—To carry out the purpose of this section, the Secretary is encouraged to enter into negotiations through the International Maritime Organization to conclude and execute agreements to promote coordinated action among the United States, Russia, Canada, Iceland, Norway, and Denmark and other seafaring and Arctic nations to ensure, in the Arctic—

- (1) placement and maintenance of aids to navigation;
- (2) appropriate marine safety, tug, and salvage capabilities;
- (3) oil spill prevention and response capability;
- (4) maritime domain awareness, including long-range vessel tracking; and
- (5) search and rescue.

(c) COORDINATION BY COMMITTEE ON THE MARITIME TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.—The Committee on the Maritime Transportation System established under section 55501<sup>1</sup> of title 46, United States Code, shall coordinate the establishment of domestic transportation policies in the Arctic necessary to carry out the purpose of this section.

(d) AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS.—The Secretary may, subject to the availability of appropriations, enter into cooperative agreements, contracts, or other agreements with, or make grants to, individuals and governments to carry out the purpose of this section or any agreements established under subsection (b).

(e) ICEBREAKING.—The Secretary shall promote safe maritime navigation by means of icebreaking where necessary, feasible, and effective to carry out the purposes of this section.

(f) ARCTIC DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Arctic” has the meaning given such term in section 112 of the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C. 4111).

(Added Pub. L. 113–281, title V, §501(a), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 3056, §90; amended Pub. L. 115–232, div. C, title XXXV, §3533(d), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 2321; renumbered §716, Pub. L. 115–282, title I, §106(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4203.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 55501 of title 46, United States Code, referred to in subsec. (c), was redesignated section 50401 of title 46 by Pub. L. 117–81, div. C, title XXXV, §3512(a)(3), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 2239.

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115–282 renumbered section 90 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 115–232 struck out question mark after “the term ‘Arctic’”.

#### § 717. Agreements

(a) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out section 504(a)(4), the Commandant may—

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

(1) enter into cooperative agreements, contracts, and other agreements with—

(A) Federal entities;

(B) other public or private entities in the United States, including academic entities; and

(C) foreign governments with the concurrence of the Secretary of State; and

(2) impose on and collect from an entity subject to an agreement or contract under paragraph (1) a fee to assist with expenses incurred in carrying out such section.

(b) DEPOSIT AND USE OF FEES.—Fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury as offsetting receipts. The fees may be used, to the extent provided in advance in an appropriation law, only to carry out activities under section 504(a)(4).

(Added Pub. L. 113–281, title II, §206(b), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 3025, §102; renumbered §717 and amended Pub. L. 115–282, title I, §§106(b), 123(b)(2), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4203, 4240.)

### Editorial Notes

#### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115–282, §106(b), renumbered section 102 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115–282, §123(b)(2), substituted “section 504(a)(4)” for “section 93(a)(4)” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 115–282, §123(b)(2), substituted “section 504(a)(4)” for “section 93(a)(4)”.

### § 718. Training; emergency response providers

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant may, on a reimbursable or a non-reimbursable basis, make a training available to emergency response providers whenever the Commandant determines that—

(1) a member of the Coast Guard, who is scheduled to participate in such training, is unable or unavailable to participate in such training;

(2) no other member of the Coast Guard, who is assigned to the unit to which the member of the Coast Guard who is unable or unavailable to participate in such training is assigned, is able or available to participate in such training; and

(3) such training, if made available to such emergency response providers, would further the goal of interoperability among Federal agencies, non-Federal governmental agencies, or both.

(b) EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROVIDERS DEFINED.—In this section, the term “emergency response providers” has the meaning given that term in section 2 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101).

(c) TREATMENT OF REIMBURSEMENT.—Any reimbursements for a training that the Coast Guard receives under this section shall be credited to the appropriation used to pay the costs for such training.

(d) STATUS; LIMITATION ON LIABILITY.—

(1) STATUS.—Any individual to whom, as an emergency response provider, training is made available under this section, who is not otherwise a Federal employee, shall not, because of

that training, be considered a Federal employee for any purpose (including the purposes of chapter 81 of title 5 (relating to compensation for injury) and sections 2671 through 2680 of title 28 (relating to tort claims)).

(2) LIMITATION ON LIABILITY.—The United States shall not be liable for actions taken by an individual in the course of training made available under this section.

(Added Pub. L. 115–282, title III, §306(a), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4247.)

### § 719. Research projects; transactions other than contracts and grants

(a) ADDITIONAL FORMS OF TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant may enter into—

(A) transactions (other than contracts, cooperative agreements, and grants) in carrying out basic, applied, and advanced research projects; and

(B) agreements with the Director of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the Secretary of a military department, or any other official designated by the Secretary of Defense under section 2371b<sup>1</sup> of title 10 to participate in prototype projects and follow-on production contracts or transactions that are being carried out by such official and are directly relevant to the Coast Guard’s cyber capability and Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and intelligence initiatives.

(2) ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY.—The authority under this subsection is in addition to the authority provided in section 717 to use contracts, cooperative agreements, and grants in carrying out such projects.

(3) FUNDING.—In carrying out paragraph (1)(B), the Commandant may use funds made available to the extent provided in advance in appropriations Acts for—

(A) operations and support;

(B) research, development, test, and evaluation; and

(C) procurement, construction, and improvement.

(b) RECOVERY OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (d), a cooperative agreement for performance of basic, applied, or advanced research authorized by section 717, and a transaction authorized by subsection (a), may include a clause that requires a person or other entity to make payments to the Coast Guard or any other department or agency of the Federal Government as a condition for receiving support under the agreement or transaction, respectively.

(2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—The amount of any payment received by the Federal Government pursuant to a requirement imposed under paragraph (1) shall be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury. Amounts so deposited shall be available for the purposes of carrying out this section, to the extent provided in advance in appropriations Acts.

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.