

mending and promoting local administrative and legislative initiatives needed to advance the position of minority business enterprises in the local economies of those public sector entities; and

(3) facilitate the efforts of public sector entities and Federal agencies to advance the growth of minority business enterprises.

(Pub. L. 117-58, div. K, title I, §100102, Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 1450.)

### § 9513. Research and information

#### (a) In general

In order to achieve the purposes of this chapter, the Under Secretary—

(1) shall—

(A) collect and analyze data, including data relating to the causes of the success or failure of minority business enterprises;

(B) conduct research, studies, and surveys of—

(i) economic conditions generally in the United States; and

(ii) how the conditions described in clause (i) particularly affect the development of minority business enterprises; and

(C) provide outreach, educational services, and technical assistance in, at a minimum, the 5 most commonly spoken languages in the United States to ensure that limited English proficient individuals receive culturally and linguistically appropriate access to the services and information provided by the Agency; and

(2) may perform an evaluation of programs carried out by the Under Secretary that are designed to assist the development of minority business enterprises.

#### (b) Information clearinghouse

The Under Secretary shall—

(1) establish and maintain an information clearinghouse for the collection and dissemination to relevant parties (including business owners and researchers) of demographic, economic, financial, managerial, and technical data relating to minority business enterprises; and

(2) take such steps as the Under Secretary may determine to be necessary and desirable to—

(A) search for, collect, classify, coordinate, integrate, record, and catalog the data described in paragraph (1); and

(B) in a manner that is consistent with section 552a of title 5, protect the privacy of the minority business enterprises to which the data described in paragraph (1) relates.

(Pub. L. 117-58, div. K, title I, §100103, Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 1450.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original “this division”, meaning div. K of Pub. L. 117-58, Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 1445, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of division K to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 9501 of this title and Tables.

### PART B—MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY BUSINESS CENTER PROGRAM

#### § 9521. Definition

In this part, the term “MBDA Business Center Program” means the program established under section \_\_\_\_\_ 113.<sup>1</sup>

(Pub. L. 117-58, div. K, title I, §100111, Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 1451.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section \_\_\_\_\_ 113, referred to in text, probably means section 100113 of Pub. L. 117-58, which is classified to section 9523 of this title.

#### § 9522. Purpose

The purpose of the MBDA Business Center Program shall be to create a national network of public-private partnerships that—

(1) assist minority business enterprises in—

(A) accessing capital, contracts, and grants; and

(B) creating and maintaining jobs;

(2) provide counseling and mentoring to minority business enterprises; and

(3) facilitate the growth of minority business enterprises by promoting trade.

(Pub. L. 117-58, div. K, title I, §100112, Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 1451.)

#### § 9523. Establishment

##### (a) In general

There is established in the Agency a program—

(1) that shall be known as the MBDA Business Center Program;

(2) that shall be separate and distinct from the efforts of the Under Secretary under section \_\_\_\_\_ 101;<sup>1</sup> and

(3) under which the Under Secretary shall make Federal assistance awards to eligible entities to operate MBDA Business Centers, which shall, in accordance with section \_\_\_\_\_ 114,<sup>1</sup> provide technical assistance and business development services, or specialty services, to minority business enterprises.

##### (b) Coverage

The Under Secretary shall take all necessary actions to ensure that the MBDA Business Center Program, in accordance with section \_\_\_\_\_ 114,<sup>1</sup> offers the services described in subsection (a)(3) in all regions of the United States.

(Pub. L. 117-58, div. K, title I, §100113, Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 1451.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section \_\_\_\_\_ 101, referred to in subsec. (a)(2), probably means section 100101 of Pub. L. 117-58, which is classified to section 9511 of this title.

Section \_\_\_\_\_ 114, referred to in subssecs. (a)(3) and (b), probably means section 100114 of Pub. L. 117-58, which is classified to section 9524 of this title.

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

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