

§ 1067j. Administrative provisions**(a) Technical staff**

The Secretary shall appoint, without regard to the provisions of title 5 governing appointments in the competitive service, not less than 2 technical employees with appropriate scientific and educational background to administer the programs under this part who may be paid without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates.

(b) Procedures for grant review

The Secretary shall establish procedures for reviewing and evaluating grants and contracts made or entered into under such programs. Procedures for reviewing grant applications, based on the peer review system, or contracts for financial assistance under this subchapter may not be subject to any review outside of officials responsible for the administration of the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Programs.

(Pub. L. 89-329, title III, § 364, formerly title X, § 1044, as added Pub. L. 99-498, title X, § 1002, Oct. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 1564; renumbered title III, § 364, Pub. L. 105-244, title III, § 301(a)(5), (7), Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1636.)

Editorial Notes**CODIFICATION**

Section was formerly classified to section 1135d-3 of this title prior to renumbering by Pub. L. 105-244.

§ 1067k. Definitions

For the purpose of this part—

(1) The term “accredited” means currently certified by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or making satisfactory progress toward achieving accreditation.

(2) The term “minority” means American Indian, Alaskan Native, Black (not of Hispanic origin), Hispanic (including persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, and Central or South American origin), Pacific Islander or other ethnic group underrepresented in science and engineering.

(3) The term “minority institution” means an institution of higher education whose enrollment of a single minority or a combination of minorities (as defined in paragraph (2)) exceeds 50 percent of the total enrollment. The Secretary shall verify this information from the data on enrollments in the higher education general information surveys (HEGIS) furnished by the institution to the Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education.

(4) The term “science” means, for the purpose of this program, the biological, engineering, mathematical, physical, behavioral, and social sciences, and history and philosophy of science; also included are interdisciplinary fields which are comprised of overlapping areas among two or more sciences.

(5) The term “underrepresented in science and engineering” means a minority group whose number of scientists and engineers per 10,000 population of that group is substantially below the comparable figure for scientists and

engineers who are white and not of Hispanic origin.

(6) The term “institutional grant” means a grant that supports the implementation of a comprehensive science improvement plan, which may include any combination of activities for improving the preparation of minority students for careers in science.

(7) The term “cooperative grant” means a grant that assists groups of nonprofit accredited colleges and universities to work together to conduct a science improvement program.

(8) The term “design projects” means projects that assist minority institutions that do not have their own appropriate resources or personnel to plan and develop long-range science improvement programs.

(9) The term “special projects” means—

(A) a special project grant to a minority institution which supports activities that—

(i) improve the quality of training in science and engineering at minority institutions; or

(ii) enhance the minority institutions’ general scientific research capabilities; or

(B) a special project grant to any eligible applicant which supports activities that—

(i) provide a needed service to a group of eligible minority institutions; or

(ii) provide in-service training for project directors, scientists, and engineers from eligible minority institutions.

(Pub. L. 89-329, title III, § 365, formerly title X, § 1046, as added Pub. L. 99-498, title X, § 1002, Oct. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 1566; renumbered title III, § 365, and amended Pub. L. 105-244, title III, §§ 301(a)(5), (7), 307(c), Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1636, 1648; Pub. L. 110-315, title III, § 320(3), Aug. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 3187.)

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AMENDMENTS

2008—Par. (9)(A). Pub. L. 110-315 substituted “supports” for “support” in introductory provisions.

1998—Par. (4). Pub. L. 105-244, § 307(c), inserted “behavioral,” after “physical.”

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-244 effective Oct. 1, 1998, except as otherwise provided in Pub. L. 105-244, see section 3 of Pub. L. 105-244, set out as a note under section 1001 of this title.

§ 1067L. Repealed. Pub. L. 105-244, title III, § 301(a)(8), Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1636

Section, Pub. L. 89-329, title III, § 366, formerly title X, § 1047, as added Pub. L. 99-498, title X, § 1002, Oct. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 1567; amended Pub. L. 100-418, title VI, § 6221, Aug. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 1518; Pub. L. 102-325, title X, § 1002(f), July 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 780; renumbered title III, § 366, Pub. L. 105-244, title III, § 301(a)(5), (7), Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1636, authorized appropriations to carry out Fund for Improvement of Postsecondary Education program.