

(B) National Laboratory

The term “National Laboratory” has the meaning given the term in section 15801 of this title.

(C) Program

The term “program” means the program established under paragraph (2).

(D) Small business concern

The term “small business concern” has the meaning given such term in section 632 of title 15.

(2) Establishment

The Secretary, acting through the Chief Commercialization Officer appointed under section 16391(a) of this title, and in consultation with the Directors, shall establish a program to provide small business concerns with vouchers under paragraph (3)—

(A) to achieve the goal described in subsection (a)(1); and

(B) to improve the products, services, and capabilities of small business concerns in the mission space of the Department.

(3) Vouchers

Under the program, the Directors are authorized to provide to small business concerns vouchers to be used at National Laboratories and single-purpose research facilities for—

(A) research, development, demonstration, technology transfer, skills training and workforce development, or commercial application activities; or

(B) any other activities that the applicable Director determines appropriate.

(4) Expedited approval

The Secretary, working with the Directors, shall establish a stream-lined approval process for financial assistance agreements signed between—

(A) small business concerns selected to receive a voucher under the program; and

(B) the National Laboratories and single-purpose research facilities.

(5) Cost-sharing requirement

In carrying out the program, the Secretary shall require cost-sharing in accordance with section 16352 of this title.

(6) Report

In accordance with section 16391a of this title, the Secretary shall report annually on the progress and implementation of the small business voucher program established under this section, including the number and locations of small businesses that received grants under this program.

(d) Use of funds

None of the funds expended under subsection (b) may be used for direct grants to small business concerns.

(e) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for activities under subsection (b) \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2008 and for activities under subsection (c) \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.

(Pub. L. 109-58, title X, §1003, Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 929; Pub. L. 117-167, div. B, title VI, §10718, Aug. 9, 2022, 136 Stat. 1705.)

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AMENDMENTS

2022—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 117-167, §10718(1)(A), substituted “(as defined in section 15801 of this title) and the Director of each single-purpose research facility” for “, and may require the Director of a single-purpose research facility,” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 117-167, §10718(1)(B), substituted “encourage” for “increase” and “research, development, demonstration, and commercial application activities, including product development,” for “collaborative research.”

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 117-167, §10718(1)(C), substituted “the activities described in paragraph (1)” for “procurement and collaborative research”.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 117-167, §10718(1)(D), inserted “facilities,” before “training” and substituted “the activities described in paragraph (1)” for “procurement and collaborative research activities”.

Subsec. (a)(5). Pub. L. 117-167, §10718(1)(E), substituted “and metrics for the programs under subsections (b) and (c)” for “for the program under subsection (b)”.

Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 117-167, §10718(2), (3), added subsec. (c) and redesignated former subsec. (c) as (d). Former subsec. (d) redesignated (e).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 117-167, §10718(2), (4), redesignated subsec. (d) as (e), substituted “for activities under subsection (b)” for “for activities under this section”, and inserted before period at end “and for activities under subsection (c) \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027”.

§ 16394. Outreach

The Secretary shall ensure that each program authorized by this Act or an amendment made by this Act includes an outreach component to provide information, as appropriate, to manufacturers, consumers, engineers, architects, builders, energy service companies, institutions of higher education, facility planners and managers, State and local governments, and other entities.

(Pub. L. 109-58, title X, §1004, Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 930.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 109-58, Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 594, known as the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which enacted this chapter and enacted, amended, and repealed numerous other sections and notes in the Code. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 15801 of this title and Tables.

§ 16395. Relationship to other laws

Except as otherwise provided in this Act or an amendment made by this Act, the Secretary shall carry out the research, development, demonstration, and commercial application programs, projects, and activities authorized by this Act or an amendment made by this Act in accordance with the applicable provisions of—

(1) the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.);

(2) the Federal Nonnuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5901 et seq.);