

- (2) are most likely to be successful; and
 (3) are located in local markets that have the greatest need for the facility because of—
 (A) the limited availability of land for waste disposal;
 (B) the availability of sufficient quantities of cellulosic biomass; or
 (C) a high level of demand for fuel ethanol or other commercial byproducts of the facility.

(e) Maturity

A loan guaranteed under subsection (b) shall have a maturity of not more than 20 years.

(f) Terms and conditions

The loan agreement for a loan guaranteed under subsection (b) shall provide that no provision of the loan agreement may be amended or waived without the consent of the Secretary.

(g) Assurance of repayment

The Secretary shall require that an applicant for a loan guaranteed under subsection (b) provide an assurance of repayment in the form of a performance bond, insurance, collateral, or other means acceptable to the Secretary in an amount equal to not less than 20 percent of the amount of the loan.

(h) Guarantee fee

The recipient of a loan guarantee under subsection (b) shall pay the Secretary an amount determined by the Secretary to be sufficient to cover the administrative costs of the Secretary relating to the loan guarantee.

(i) Full faith and credit

The full faith and credit of the United States is pledged to the payment of all guarantees made under this section. Any such guarantee made by the Secretary shall be conclusive evidence of the eligibility of the loan for the guarantee with respect to principal and interest. The validity of the guarantee shall be incontestable in the hands of a holder of the guaranteed loan.

(j) Reports

Until each guaranteed loan under this section has been repaid in full, the Secretary shall annually submit to Congress a report on the activities of the Secretary under this section.

(k) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this section.

(l) Termination of authority

The authority of the Secretary to issue a loan guarantee under subsection (b) terminates on the date that is 10 years after August 8, 2005.

(Pub. L. 109–58, title XV, §1510, Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 1085.)

§ 16502. Advanced Biofuel Technologies Program**(a) In general**

Subject to the availability of appropriations under subsection (d), the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee established under section 8605¹ of title 7, establish a program, to be

¹ See References in Text note below.

known as the “Advanced Biofuel Technologies Program”, to demonstrate advanced technologies for the production of alternative transportation fuels.

(b) Priority

In carrying out the program under subsection (a), the Administrator shall give priority to projects that enhance the geographical diversity of alternative fuels production and utilize feedstocks that represent 10 percent or less of ethanol or biodiesel fuel production in the United States during the previous fiscal year.

(c) Demonstration projects**(1) In general**

As part of the program under subsection (a), the Administrator shall fund demonstration projects—

(A) to develop not less than 4 different conversion technologies for producing cellulosic biomass ethanol; and

(B) to develop not less than 5 technologies for coproducing value-added bioproducts (such as fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides) resulting from the production of biodiesel fuel.

(2) Administration

Demonstration projects under this subsection shall be—

(A) conducted based on a merit-reviewed, competitive process; and

(B) subject to the cost-sharing requirements of section 16352 of this title.

(d) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$110,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2005 through 2009.

(Pub. L. 109–58, title XV, §1514, Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 1090.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 8605 of title 7, referred to in subsec. (a), was repealed by Pub. L. 110–246, title IX, §9001(b), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 2095. Provisions relating to a Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee are now contained in section 8108(d) of title 7, Agriculture.

§ 16503. Sugar ethanol loan guarantee program**(a) In general**

Funds may be provided for the cost (as defined in section 661a of title 2) of loan guarantees issued under title XIV¹ to carry out commercial demonstration projects for ethanol derived from sugarcane, bagasse, and other sugarcane byproducts.

(b) Demonstration projects

The Secretary may issue loan guarantees under this section to projects to demonstrate commercially the feasibility and viability of producing ethanol using sugarcane, sugarcane bagasse, and other sugarcane byproducts as a feedstock.

¹ See References in Text note below.

(c) Requirements

An applicant for a loan guarantee under this section may provide assurances, satisfactory to the Secretary, that—

- (1) the project design has been validated through the operation of a continuous process facility;
- (2) the project has been subject to a full technical review;
- (3) the project, with the loan guarantee, is economically viable; and
- (4) there is a reasonable assurance of repayment of the guaranteed loan.

(d) Limitations**(1) Maximum guarantee**

Except as provided in paragraph (2), a loan guarantee under this section—

- (A) may be issued for up to 80 percent of the estimated cost of a project; but
- (B) shall not exceed \$50,000,000 for any 1 project.

(2) Additional guarantees**(A) In general**

The Secretary may issue additional loan guarantees for a project to cover—

- (i) up to 80 percent of the excess of actual project costs; but
- (ii) not to exceed 15 percent of the amount of the original loan guarantee.

(B) Principal and interest

Subject to subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall guarantee 100 percent of the principal and interest of a loan guarantee made under subparagraph (A).

(Pub. L. 109-58, title XV, §1516, Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 1091.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

Title XIV, referred to in subsec. (a), is title XIV of Pub. L. 109-58, Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 1061, which enacted subchapter XIII of this chapter and section 13557 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER XV—INCENTIVES FOR
INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES**§ 16511. Definitions**

In this subchapter:

(1) Commercial technology**(A) In general**

The term “commercial technology” means a technology in general use in the commercial marketplace.

(B) Inclusions

The term “commercial technology” does not include a technology solely by use of the technology in a demonstration project funded by the Department.

(2) Cost

The term “cost” has the meaning given the term “cost of a loan guarantee” within the meaning of section 661a(5)(C) of title 2.

(3) Eligible project

The term “eligible project” means a project described in section 16513 of this title.

(4) Guarantee**(A) In general**

The term “guarantee” has the meaning given the term “loan guarantee” in section 661a of title 2, except that a loan guarantee may guarantee any debt obligation of a non-Federal borrower to any Eligible Lender (as defined in section 609.2 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations).

(B) Inclusion

The term “guarantee” includes a loan guarantee commitment (as defined in section 661a of title 2).

(5) Obligation

The term “obligation” means the loan or other debt obligation that is guaranteed under this section.

(6) State

The term “State” has the meaning given the term in section 6802 of this title.

(7) State energy financing institution**(A) In general**

The term “State energy financing institution” means a quasi-independent entity or an entity within a State agency or financing authority established by a State—

- (i) to provide financing support or credit enhancements, including loan guarantees and loan loss reserves, for eligible projects; and
- (ii) to create liquid markets for eligible projects, including warehousing and securitization, or take other steps to reduce financial barriers to the deployment of existing and new eligible projects.

(B) Inclusion

The term “State energy financing institution” includes an entity or organization established to achieve the purposes described in clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (A) by an Indian Tribal entity or an Alaska Native Corporation.

(Pub. L. 109-58, title XVII, §1701, Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 1117; Pub. L. 117-58, div. D, title IV, §40401(c)(1), Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 1037; Pub. L. 117-169, title V, §50141(e), Aug. 16, 2022, 136 Stat. 2043.)

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AMENDMENTS

2022—Par. (4)(A). Pub. L. 117-169 inserted “, except that a loan guarantee may guarantee any debt obligation of a non-Federal borrower to any Eligible Lender (as defined in section 609.2 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations)” before period at end.

2021—Pars. (6), (7). Pub. L. 117-58 added pars. (6) and (7).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS

For provisions relating to rates of wages to be paid to laborers and mechanics on projects for construction, alteration, or repair work funded under div. D or an amendment by div. D of Pub. L. 117-58, including authority of Secretary of Labor, see section 18851 of this title.