

(a) for small and medium manufacturers so that small and medium manufacturers can fully use the high-performance computing resources of the National Laboratories to enhance the manufacturing competitiveness of the United States. (Pub. L. 117-58, div. D, title V, §40533, Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 1069.)

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.

§ 18814. State manufacturing leadership

(a) Financial assistance authorized

The Secretary may provide financial assistance on a competitive basis to States for the establishment of programs to be used as models for supporting the implementation of smart manufacturing technologies.

(b) Applications

(1) In general

To be eligible to receive financial assistance under this section, a State shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

(2) Criteria

The Secretary shall evaluate an application for financial assistance under this section on the basis of merit using criteria identified by the Secretary, including—

- (A) technical merit, innovation, and impact;
- (B) research approach, workplan, and deliverables;
- (C) academic and private sector partners; and
- (D) alternate sources of funding.

(c) Requirements

(1) Term

The term of an award of financial assistance under this section shall not exceed 3 years.

(2) Maximum amount

The amount of an award of financial assistance under this section shall be not more than \$2,000,000.

(3) Matching requirement

Each State that receives financial assistance under this section shall contribute matching funds in an amount equal to not less than 30 percent of the amount of the financial assistance.

(d) Use of funds

A State may use financial assistance provided under this section—

- (1) to facilitate access to high-performance computing resources for small and medium manufacturers; and
- (2) to provide assistance to small and medium manufacturers to implement smart manufacturing technologies and practices.

(e) Evaluation

The Secretary shall conduct semiannual evaluations of each award of financial assistance under this section—

- (1) to determine the impact and effectiveness of programs funded with the financial assistance; and
- (2) to provide guidance to States on ways to better execute the program of the State.

(f) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section \$50,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

(Pub. L. 117-58, div. D, title V, §40534, Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 1070.)

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.

§ 18815. Report

The Secretary annually shall submit to Congress and make publicly available a report on the progress made in advancing smart manufacturing in the United States.

(Pub. L. 117-58, div. D, title V, §40535, Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 1071.)

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.

PART D—SCHOOLS AND NONPROFITS

§ 18831. Grants for energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy improvements at public school facilities

(a) Definitions

In this section:

(1) Alternative fueled vehicle

The term “alternative fueled vehicle” has the meaning given the term in section 13211 of this title.

(2) Alternative fueled vehicle infrastructure

The term “alternative fueled vehicle infrastructure” means infrastructure used to charge or fuel an alternative fueled vehicle.

(3) Eligible entity

The term “eligible entity” means a consortium of—

- (A) 1 local educational agency; and
- (B) 1 or more—
 - (i) schools;
 - (ii) nonprofit organizations that have the knowledge and capacity to partner and assist with energy improvements;