

(Pub. L. 117-167, div. B, title II, §10245, Aug. 9, 2022, 136 Stat. 1488.)

**§ 18952. Standards development organization grants**

**(a) Nongovernmental standards development organization defined**

In this section, the term “nongovernmental standards development organization” means a nongovernmental standards development organization (as defined in section 2(e) of the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-119 (relating to Federal participation in the development and use of voluntary consensus standards in conformity assessment activities), or any successor document) that adheres to the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Essential Requirements for Due Process for American National Standards.

**(b) Grant authority**

The Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Director, shall establish a competitive program of grants for nongovernmental standards development organizations for the purposes described in subsection (c).

**(c) Purposes**

A grant awarded under subsection (b) shall be used to develop, approve, disseminate, maintain, and review forensic science voluntary consensus standards and best practices that shall be available to the public free of charge.

**(d) Additional requirements**

The Director may promulgate such requirements, guidelines, and procedures as may be necessary to carry out this section.

**(e) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

(Pub. L. 117-167, div. B, title II, §10248, Aug. 9, 2022, 136 Stat. 1495.)

PART C—HOLLINGS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP

**§ 18961. National Supply Chain Database**

**(a) Establishment of National Supply Chain Database**

The Director shall establish a voluntary National Supply Chain Database, subject to the availability of appropriations.

**(b) Purpose**

The purpose of the voluntary National Supply Chain Database shall be to assist the Federal Government and industry sectors in minimizing disruptions to the United States supply chain by having an assessment of United States manufacturers’ capabilities.

**(c) Study on National Supply Chain Database**

In establishing the National Supply Chain Database, the Director shall consider the findings and recommendations from the study authorized pursuant to section 9413 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283), including measures to se-

cure and protect the Database from adversarial attacks and vulnerabilities.

**(d) Database and Manufacturing Extension Partnership**

**(1) In general**

The Director shall establish the infrastructure for the National Supply Chain Database through the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership, established pursuant to section 278k of title 15, by connecting information from the Centers (as such term is defined in such section) through the Database.

**(2) National view**

The Director shall ensure that connections under paragraph (1)—

(A) provide a national overview of the networks of supply chains of the United States; and

(B) support understanding of whether there is a need for some manufacturers to retool in some critical areas to meet the urgent need for key products.

**(3) Individual Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership Center databases**

**(A) In general**

The Director shall ensure that—

(i) each Center is connected to the National Supply Chain Database; and

(ii) each supply chain database maintained by a Center is interoperable with the Database.

**(B) Rule of construction**

Nothing in this section may be construed to require a State or territory of the United States to establish a new supply chain database through the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership program.

**(e) Maintenance of National Supply Chain Database**

The Director, acting through the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership program or a designee of the program—

(1) shall maintain the National Supply Chain Database as an integration of State-level databases from the Center of each State or territory of the United States;

(2) may populate the Database with information from past or current clients of Centers; and

(3) may include in the Database information voluntarily provided by non-client private sector entities based and operating in the United States, as applicable and appropriate.

**(f) Database content**

The National Supply Chain Database may include the following:

(1) Basic private sector entity information.

(2) An overview of capabilities, accreditations, and products.

(3) Proprietary information.

**(g) Standard classification system**

The National Supply Chain Database may, where applicable, use the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Codes as follows:

(1) Sector 31-33 – Manufacturing.