

PART D—NATIONAL CENTER FOR PRESERVATION
TECHNOLOGY AND TRAINING

§ 470x. Findings

The Congress finds and declares that, given the complexity of technical problems encountered in preserving historic properties and the lack of adequate distribution of technical information to preserve such properties, a national initiative to coordinate and promote research, distribute information, and provide training about preservation skills and technologies would be beneficial.

(Pub. L. 89-665, title IV, §401, as added Pub. L. 102-575, title XL, §4022, Oct. 30, 1992, 106 Stat. 4765.)

§ 470x-1. Definitions

For the purposes of this part—

(1) The term “Board” means the National Preservation Technology and Training Board established pursuant to section 470x-3 of this title.

(2) The term “Center” means the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training established pursuant to section 470x-2 of this title.

(3) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(Pub. L. 89-665, title IV, §402, as added Pub. L. 102-575, title XL, §4022, Oct. 30, 1992, 106 Stat. 4766.)

§ 470x-2. Establishment of National Center

(a) Establishment

There is hereby established within the Department of the Interior a National Center for Preservation Technology and Training. The Center shall be located at Northwestern State University of Louisiana in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

(b) Purposes

The purposes of the Center shall be to—

(1) develop and distribute preservation and conservation skills and technologies for the identification, evaluation, conservation, and interpretation of prehistoric and historic resources;

(2) develop and facilitate training for Federal, State and local resource preservation professionals, cultural resource managers, maintenance personnel, and others working in the preservation field;

(3) take steps to apply preservation technology benefits from ongoing research by other agencies and institutions;

(4) facilitate the transfer of preservation technology among Federal agencies, State and local governments, universities, international organizations, and the private sector; and

(5) cooperate with related international organizations including, but not limited to the International Council on Monuments and Sites, the International Center for the Study of Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property, and the International Council on Museums.

(c) Programs

Such purposes shall be carried out through research, professional training, technical assist-

ance, and programs for public awareness, and through a program of grants established under section 470x-4 of this title.

(d) Executive Director

The Center shall be headed by an Executive Director with demonstrated expertise in historic preservation appointed by the Secretary with advice of the Board.

(e) Assistance from Secretary

The Secretary shall provide the Center assistance in obtaining such personnel, equipment, and facilities as may be needed by the Center to carry out its activities.

(Pub. L. 89-665, title IV, §403, as added Pub. L. 102-575, title XL, §4022, Oct. 30, 1992, 106 Stat. 4766.)

§ 470x-3. Preservation Technology and Training Board

(a) Establishment

There is established a Preservation Technology and Training Board.

(b) Duties

The Board shall—

(1) provide leadership, policy advice, and professional oversight to the Center;

(2) advise the Secretary on priorities and the allocation of grants among the activities of the Center; and

(3) submit an annual report to the President and the Congress.

(c) Membership

The Board shall be comprised of—

(1) the Secretary, or the Secretary’s designee;

(2) 6 members appointed by the Secretary who shall represent appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, State and local historic preservation commissions, and other public and international organizations; and

(3) 6 members appointed by the Secretary on the basis of outstanding professional qualifications who represent major organizations in the fields of archaeology, architecture, conservation, curation, engineering, history, historic preservation, landscape architecture, planning, or preservation education.

(Pub. L. 89-665, title IV, §404, as added Pub. L. 102-575, title XL, §4022, Oct. 30, 1992, 106 Stat. 4766; amended Pub. L. 106-208, §5(a)(14), May 26, 2000, 114 Stat. 319.)

AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 106-208 substituted a semicolon for a comma after “organizations”.

§ 470x-4. Preservation grants

(a) In general

The Secretary, in consultation with the Board, shall provide preservation technology and training grants to eligible applicants with a demonstrated institutional capability and commitment to the purposes of the Center, in order to ensure an effective and efficient system of research, information distribution and skills training in all the related historic preservation fields.