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DEFINITION OF “SECRETARY”

“Secretary” as meaning the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 8701 of this title.

§ 8912. Agricultural biosecurity communication center

(a) Establishment

The Secretary shall establish a communication center within the Department to—

(1) collect and disseminate information and prepare for an agricultural disease emergency, agroterrorist act, or other threat to agricultural biosecurity; and

(2) coordinate activities described in paragraph (1) among agencies and offices within the Department.

(b) Relation to existing DHS communication systems

(1) Consistency and coordination

The communication center established under subsection (a) shall, to the maximum extent practicable, share and coordinate the dissemination of timely information with the Department of Homeland Security and other communication systems of appropriate Federal departments and agencies.

(2) Avoiding redundancies

Paragraph (1) shall not be construed to impede, conflict with, or duplicate the communications activities performed by the Secretary of Homeland Security under any provision of law.

(c) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

(Pub. L. 110-234, title XIV, §14112, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1455; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title XIV, §14112, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2217.)

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§ 8913. Assistance to build local capacity in agricultural biosecurity planning, preparedness, and response

(a) Advanced training programs

(1) Grant assistance

The Secretary shall establish a competitive grant program to support the development and expansion of advanced training programs in agricultural biosecurity planning and response for food science professionals and veterinarians.

(2) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary

to carry out this subsection for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

(b) Assessment of response capability

(1) Grant and loan assistance

The Secretary shall establish a competitive grant and low-interest loan assistance program to assist States in assessing agricultural disease response capability.

(2) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

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SUBCHAPTER II—OTHER PROVISIONS

§ 8921. Research and development of agricultural countermeasures

(a) Grant program

(1) Competitive grant program

The Secretary shall establish a competitive grant program to encourage basic and applied research and the development of qualified agricultural countermeasures.

(2) Waiver in emergencies

The Secretary may waive the requirement under paragraph (1) that a grant be provided on a competitive basis if—

(A) the Secretary has declared a plant or animal disease emergency under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 et seq.) or the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 et seq.); and

(B) waiving the requirement would lead to the rapid development of a qualified agricultural countermeasure, as determined by the Secretary.

(b) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

(Pub. L. 110-234, title XIV, §14121, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1455; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title XIV, §14121, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2217.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Plant Protection Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(2)(A), is title IV of Pub. L. 106-224, June 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 438, which is classified principally to chapter 104 (§7701 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 7701 of this title and Tables.

The Animal Health Protection Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(2)(A), is subtitle E (§§10401-10418) of title X of Pub. L. 107-171, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 494, which is classified principally to chapter 109 (§8301 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the