

§ 7622. Repealed. Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, § 7302, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1242, and Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title VII, § 7302, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2003

Section, Pub. L. 105-185, title IV, § 402, June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 566; Pub. L. 107-171, title VII, § 7123, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 434, related to partnerships for high-value agricultural product quality research.

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 repealed this section. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, except as otherwise provided, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

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Section, Pub. L. 105-185, title IV, § 403, June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 567; Pub. L. 107-171, title VII, §§ 7129, 7207(a), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 435, 440, related to precision agriculture.

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§ 7624. Biobased products

(a) “Biobased product” defined

In this section, the term “biobased product” means a product suitable for food or nonfood use that is derived in whole or in part from renewable agricultural and forestry materials.

(b) Coordination of biobased product activities

The Secretary of Agriculture shall—

(1) coordinate the research, technical expertise, economic information, and market information resources and activities of the Department to develop, commercialize, and promote the use of biobased products;

(2) solicit input from private sector persons who produce, or are interested in producing, biobased products;

(3) provide a centralized contact point for advice and technical assistance for promising and innovative biobased products; and

(4) submit an annual report to Congress describing the coordinated research, marketing, and commercialization activities of the Department relating to biobased products.

(c) Cooperative agreements for biobased products

(1) Agreements authorized

The Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with private entities described in

subsection (d) of this section, under which the facilities and technical expertise of the Agricultural Research Service and the Forest Service may be made available to operate pilot plants and other large-scale preparation facilities for the purpose of bringing technologies necessary for the development and commercialization of new biobased products to the point of practical application.

(2) Description of cooperative activities

Cooperative activities may include—

(A) research on potential environmental impacts of a biobased product;

(B) methods to reduce the cost of manufacturing a biobased product; and

(C) other appropriate research.

(3) Authority of Secretary

To carry out a cooperative agreement with a private entity under paragraph (1), the Secretary may rent to the private entity equipment, the title of which is held by the Federal Government.

(d) Eligible partners

The following entities shall be eligible to enter into a cooperative agreement under subsection (c) of this section:

(1) A party that has entered into a cooperative research and development agreement with the Secretary under section 12 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3710a).

(2) A recipient of funding from the Biotechnology Research and Development Corporation.

(3) A recipient of funding from the Secretary under a Small Business Innovation Research Program established under section 638 of title 15.

(e) Pilot project

The Secretary, acting through the Agricultural Research Service, may establish and carry out a pilot project under which grants are provided, on a competitive basis, to scientists of the Agricultural Research Service to—

(1) encourage innovative and collaborative science; and

(2) during each of fiscal years 1999 through 2012, develop biobased products with promising commercial potential.

(f) Source of funds

(1) In general

Except as provided in paragraph (2), to carry out this section, the Secretary may use—

(A) funds appropriated to carry out this section; and

(B) funds otherwise available for cooperative research and development agreements under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.).

(2) Exception

The Secretary may not use funds referred to in paragraph (1)(B) to carry out subsection (e) of this section.

(g) Sale of developed products

For the purpose of determining the market potential for new biobased products produced at a

pilot plant or other large-scale preparation facility under a cooperative agreement under this section, the Secretary shall authorize the private partner or partners to the agreement to sell the products.

(h) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this section for each of fiscal years 1999 through 2012.

(Pub. L. 105–185, title IV, §404, June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 570; Pub. L. 107–171, title VI, §6201(d)(4), title VII, §7124, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 419, 434; Pub. L. 110–234, title VII, §7304, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1242; Pub. L. 110–246, §4(a), title VII, §7304, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2003; Pub. L. 111–88, div. A, title IV, §431, Oct. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 2964.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980, referred to in subsec. (f)(1)(B), is Pub. L. 96–480, Oct. 21, 1980, 94 Stat. 2311, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 63 (§3701 et seq.) of Title 15, Commerce and Trade. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 3701 of Title 15 and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110–234 and Pub. L. 110–246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110–234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110–246.

AMENDMENTS

2009—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 111–88, §431(1), substituted “Agricultural Research Service and the Forest Service” for “Agricultural Research Service”.

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 111–88, §431(2), added par. (3).

2008—Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 110–246, §7304(a), substituted “2012” for “2007”.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 110–246, §7304(b), substituted “2012” for “2007”.

2002—Subsec. (d)(2) to (4). Pub. L. 107–171, §6201(d)(4), redesignated pars. (3) and (4) as (2) and (3), respectively, and struck out former par. (2) which read as follows: “A recipient of funding from the Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Corporation established under section 5902 of this title.”

Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 107–171, §7124(a), substituted “2007” for “2001”.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 107–171, §7124(b), substituted “2007” for “2002”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110–234 by Pub. L. 110–246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110–234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110–246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

§ 7625. National Food Safety Training, Education, Extension, Outreach, and Technical Assistance Program

(a) In general

The Secretary shall award grants under this section to carry out the competitive grant program established under section 399c(d)¹ of title 21, pursuant to any memoranda of understanding entered into under such section.

(b) Integrated approach

The grant program described under subsection (a) shall be carried out under this section in a

manner that facilitates the integration of food safety standards and guidance with the variety of agricultural production systems, encompassing conventional, sustainable, organic, and conservation and environmental practices.

(c) Priority

In awarding grants under this section, the Secretary shall give priority to projects that target small and medium-sized farms, beginning farmers, socially disadvantaged farmers, small processors, or small fresh fruit and vegetable merchant wholesalers.

(d) Program coordination

(1) In general

The Secretary shall coordinate implementation of the grant program under this section with the National Integrated Food Safety Initiative.

(2) Interaction

The Secretary shall—

(A) in carrying out the grant program under this section, take into consideration applied research, education, and extension results obtained from the National Integrated Food Safety Initiative; and

(B) in determining the applied research agenda for the National Integrated Food Safety Initiative, take into consideration the needs articulated by participants in projects funded by the program under this section.

(e) Grants

(1) In general

In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall make competitive grants to support training, education, extension, outreach, and technical assistance projects that will help improve public health by increasing the understanding and adoption of established food safety standards, guidance, and protocols.

(2) Encouraged features

The Secretary shall encourage projects carried out using grant funds under this section to include co-management of food safety, conservation systems, and ecological health.

(3) Maximum term and size of grant

(A) In general

A grant under this section shall have a term that is not more than 3 years.

(B) Limitation on grant funding

The Secretary may not provide grant funding to an entity under this section after such entity has received 3 years of grant funding under this section.

(f) Grant eligibility

(1) In general

To be eligible for a grant under this section, an entity shall be—

(A) a State cooperative extension service;

(B) a Federal, State, local, or tribal agency, a nonprofit community-based or non-governmental organization, or an organization representing owners and operators of farms, small food processors, or small fruit

¹ See References in Text note below.