(4) the National Science Foundation shall upgrade the National Science Foundation funded network, assist regional networks to upgrade their capabilities, and provide other Federal departments and agencies the opportunity to connect to the National Science Foundation funded network.

# (b) Authorization of appropriations

From sums otherwise authorized to be appropriated, there are authorized to be appropriated to the National Science Foundation for the purposes of the Program \$213,000,000 for fiscal year 1992; \$262,000,000 for fiscal year 1993; \$305,000,000 for fiscal year 1994; \$354,000,000 for fiscal year 1995; and \$413,000,000 for fiscal year 1996.

(Pub. L. 102–194, title II, §201, Dec. 9, 1991, 105 Stat. 1599.)

#### § 5522. National Aeronautics and Space Administration activities

#### (a) General responsibilities

As part of the Program described in subchapter I of this chapter, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration shall conduct basic and applied research in high-performance computing, particularly in the field of computational science, with emphasis on aerospace sciences, earth and space sciences, and remote exploration and experimentation.

# (b) Authorization of appropriations

From sums otherwise authorized to be appropriated, there are authorized to be appropriated to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for the purposes of the Program \$72,000,000 for fiscal year 1992; \$107,000,000 for fiscal year 1993; \$134,000,000 for fiscal year 1994; \$151,000,000 for fiscal year 1995; and \$145,000,000 for fiscal year 1996.

(Pub. L. 102-194, title II, §202, Dec. 9, 1991, 105 Stat. 1600.)

#### §5523. Department of Energy activities

# (a) General responsibilities

As part of the Program described in subchapter I of this chapter, the Secretary of Energy shall—

(1) conduct and support basic and applied research in high-performance computing and networking to support fundamental research in science and engineering disciplines related to energy applications; and

(2) provide computing and networking infrastructure support, including—

(A) the provision of high-performance computing systems that are among the most advanced in the world in terms of performance in solving scientific and engineering problems; and

(B) support for advanced software and applications development for science and engineering disciplines related to energy applications.

# (b) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Energy such sums as are necessary to carry out this section.

(Pub. L. 102-194, title II, §203, Dec. 9, 1991, 105 Stat. 1600; Pub. L. 104-66, title I, §1052(j), Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 719; Pub. L. 109-58, title IX, §976(b), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 903.)

#### Amendments

2005—Pub. L. 109–58 reenacted section catchline without change and amended text generally, substituting provisions relating to general responsibilities and authorization of appropriations for provisions relating to general responsibilities, establishment of High-Performance Computing Research and Development Collaborative Consortia, transfer of technology to private sector and others, reports on activities, and authorization of appropriations.

1995—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 104-66 amended heading and text of subsec. (d) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: "Within one year after December 9, 1991, and every year thereafter, the Secretary of Energy shall transmit to the Congress a report on activities taken to carry out this chapter."

# §5524. Department of Commerce activities

#### (a) General responsibilities

As part of the Program described in subchapter I of this chapter—

(1) the National Institute of Standards and Technology shall—

(A) conduct basic and applied measurement research needed to support various high-performance computing systems and networks;

(B) develop and propose standards and guidelines, and develop measurement techniques and test methods, for the interoperability of high-performance computing systems in networks and for common user interfaces to systems; and

(C) be responsible for developing benchmark tests and standards for high-performance computing systems and software; and

(2) the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall conduct basic and applied research in weather prediction and ocean sciences, particularly in development of new forecast models, in computational fluid dynamics, and in the incorporation of evolving computer architectures and networks into the systems that carry out agency missions.

# (b) High-performance computing and network security

Pursuant to the Computer Security Act of 1987 (Public Law 100-235; 101 Stat. 1724), the National Institute of Standards and Technology shall be responsible for developing and proposing standards and guidelines needed to assure the cost-effective security and privacy of sensitive information in Federal computer systems.

#### (c) Study of impact of Federal procurement regulations

(1) The Secretary of Commerce shall conduct a study to—

(A) evaluate the impact of Federal procurement regulations that require that contractors providing software to the Federal Government share the rights to proprietary software development tools that the contractors use to develop the software; and

(B) determine whether such regulations discourage development of improved software development tools and techniques.

(2) The Secretary of Commerce shall, within one year after December 9, 1991, report to the