

DTS-PO shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate a report describing the actions taken under the program required by this subsection. The report shall include a cost-benefit analysis for each embassy participating in the program.

(d) DTS planning report

Not later than January 15, 1995, the Secretary of State and the Director of the DTS-PO shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations a DTS planning report. The report shall include—

- (1) a detailed plan for carrying out the pilot program required by subsection (c), including an estimate of the funds required for such purpose; and
- (2) a comprehensive DTS strategy plan that contains detailed plans and schedules for—
 - (A) an overall DTS network configuration and security strategy;
 - (B) transition of the existing dedicated circuits and classified transmission systems to the unclassified packet switch communications system;
 - (C) provision of a basic level of voice service for all DTS customers;
 - (D) funding of new initiatives and of replacement of current systems;
 - (E) combining existing DTS network control centers, relay facilities, and overseas operations; and
 - (F) reducing the extensive reliance of DTS-PO on the full-time services of contractors.

(Pub. L. 103-317, title V, §507, Aug. 26, 1994, 108 Stat. 1766; Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subd. A, title XIII, §1335(m), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-789.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 105-277 struck out “, the United States Information Agency,” after “Department of Commerce”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-277 effective Oct. 1, 1999, see section 1301 of Pub. L. 105-277, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6531 of this title.

§ 2669b. Reaffirming United States international telecommunications policy

(a) Procurement policy

It is the policy of the United States to foster and support procurement of goods and services from private, commercial companies.

(b) Implementation

In order to achieve the policy set forth in subsection (a), the Diplomatic Telecommunications Service Program Office (DTS-PO) shall—

- (1) utilize full and open competition, to the maximum extent practicable, in the procurement of telecommunications services, including satellite space segment, for the Department of State and each other Federal entity represented at United States diplomatic missions and consular posts overseas;
- (2) make every effort to ensure and promote the participation in the competition for such procurement of commercial private sector providers of satellite space segment who have no ownership or other connection with an inter-governmental satellite organization; and

(3) implement the competitive procedures required by paragraphs (1) and (2) at the prime contracting level and, to the maximum extent practicable, the subcontracting level.

(Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subd. B, title XXII, §2218, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-816.)

§ 2670. Insurance on motor vehicles in foreign countries; tie lines and teletype equipment; ice and drinking water; excise taxes on negotiable instruments; remains of deceased persons; relief, protection, and burial of seamen; acknowledgement of services of foreign vessels and aircraft; rentals and leases

The Secretary of State is authorized to—

- (a) obtain insurance on official motor vehicles operated by the Department of State in foreign countries, and pay the expenses incident thereto;
- (b) rent tie lines and teletype equipment;
- (c) provide ice and drinking water for United States Embassies and Consulates abroad;
- (d) pay excise taxes on negotiable instruments which are negotiated by the Department of State abroad;
- (e) Omitted;
- (f) pay expenses incident to the relief, protection, and burial of American seamen, and alien seamen from United States vessels in foreign countries and in the United States Territories and possessions;
- (g) pay the expenses incurred in the acknowledgment of the services of officers and crews of foreign vessels and aircraft in rescuing American seamen, airmen, or citizens from shipwreck or other catastrophe abroad or at sea;
- (h) rent or lease, for periods of less than ten years, such offices, buildings, grounds, and living quarters for the use of the Foreign Service abroad as he may deem necessary, and make payments therefor in advance;
- (i) maintain, improve, and repair properties rented or leased pursuant to authority contained in subsection (h) of this section and furnish fuel, water, and utilities for such properties;
- (j) provide emergency medical attention and dietary supplements, and other emergency assistance, for United States citizens incarcerated abroad or destitute United States citizens abroad who are unable to obtain such services otherwise, such assistance to be provided on a reimbursable basis to the extent feasible;
- (k) subject to the availability of appropriated funds, obtain insurance on the historic and artistic articles of furniture, fixtures, and decorative objects which may from time-to-time be within the responsibility of the Fine Arts Committee of the Department of State for the Diplomatic Rooms of the Department;
- (l) make payments in advance, of the United States share of necessary expenses for international fisheries commissions, from appropriations available for such purpose; and
- (m) establish, maintain, and operate passport and dispatch agencies.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, §3, 70 Stat. 890; Pub. L. 95-45, §2, June 15, 1977, 91 Stat. 221; 1977 Reorg. Plan No. 2, §9(a)(7), 42 F.R. 62461, 91 Stat.