

(i) to prescribe, with the approval of the Comptroller General of the United States, the extent to which vouchers for funds expended under contracts for scientific or engineering research shall be subject to itemization or substantiation prior to payment, without regard to the limitations of other laws relating to the expenditure of public funds and accounting therefor;

(j) to arrange with and reimburse the heads of other Federal agencies for the performance of any activity which the Foundation is authorized to conduct; and

(k) during the 5-year period beginning on August 21, 1986, to indemnify grantees, contractors, and subcontractors associated with the Ocean Drilling Program under the provisions of section 2354 of title 10 with all approvals and certifications required by such indemnification made by the Director.

(May 10, 1950, ch. 171, §11, 64 Stat. 153; Pub. L. 86-232, §6, Sept. 8, 1959, 73 Stat. 468; Pub. L. 90-407, §9, July 18, 1968, 82 Stat. 365; Pub. L. 99-159, title I, §110(a)(14), Nov. 22, 1985, 99 Stat. 891; Pub. L. 99-383, §7(d), Aug. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 814; Pub. L. 110-69, title VII, §7023, Aug. 9, 2007, 121 Stat. 686.)

#### CODIFICATION

In subsec. (c), "section 6101 of title 41" substituted for "section 3709 of the Revised Statutes" on authority of Pub. L. 111-350, §6(c), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3854, which Act enacted Title 41, Public Contracts.

In subsec. (d), "section 3324(a) and (b) of title 31" substituted for "section 3648 of the Revised Statutes (31 U.S.C., sec. 529)" on authority of Pub. L. 97-258, §4(b), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1067, the first section of which enacted Title 31, Money and Finance.

In subsec. (g), "section 501 of title 44" substituted for "section 87 of the Act of January 12, 1895 (28 Stat. 622), and section 11 of the Act of March 1, 1919 (40 Stat. 1270; 44 U.S.C., sec. 111)" on authority of Pub. L. 90-620, §2(b), Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1305, the first section of which enacted Title 44, Public Printing and Documents.

#### AMENDMENTS

2007—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 110-69 inserted before semicolon at end " , except that funds may be donated for specific prize competitions for 'basic research' as defined in the Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-11".

1986—Subsec. (k). Pub. L. 99-383 added subsec. (k).

1985—Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 99-159, §110(a)(14)(A), inserted references to engineering.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 99-159, §110(a)(14)(B), (C), substituted "engineering" for "technical" and inserted reference to engineering value.

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 99-159, §110(a)(14)(A), inserted applicability to engineering.

1968—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 90-407, §9(a), substituted "scientific activities" for "basic scientific research activities" and "scientific research activities", "international cooperation or national security" for "national defense", and inserted "Secretary of State" after "at the request of the".

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 90-407, §9(b), substituted "activities" for "research".

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 90-407, §9(c), substituted "section 5703 of title 5" for "section 5 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U.S.C. 73b-2)".

Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 90-407, §9(d), added subsec. (j).

1959—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 86-232 included acquisition of property by condemnation.

#### CONTINUATION OF EXISTING OFFICES, PROCEDURES, AND ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Amendment by Pub. L. 90-407 intended to continue in effect the existing offices, procedures, and organization

of the Foundation, see section 16 of Pub. L. 90-407, set out as a note under section 1862 of this title.

### § 1870a. Buy-American requirements

#### (a) Award of contracts

The Director shall, to the maximum extent practicable and consistent with current law, award to domestic firms any contracts for the purchase of goods and services intended for direct use by the Foundation.

#### (b) Report

The Director shall, as soon as possible after October 31, 1988, prepare a report on—

(1) the number of Foundation contracts entered into with foreign firms in fiscal year 1988;

(2) the number of such contracts entered into with domestic firms in that fiscal year;

(3) the number of contracts entered into with foreign firms where the Foundation also received a technically acceptable bid from a domestic firm; and

(4) any steps the Foundation will take to increase the number of contracts awarded to domestic firms.

Such report shall be submitted to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives and the Committees on Labor and Human Resources and Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

#### (c) Definitions

For the purposes of this section—

(1) the term "domestic firm" means a business entity which is organized under the laws of the United States or the laws of a State, district, commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States, and which conducts business operations in the United States; and

(2) the term "foreign firm" means a business entity not described in paragraph (1).

(Pub. L. 100-570, title I, §111, Oct. 31, 1988, 102 Stat. 2869.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 1988, and not as part of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 which comprises this chapter.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Labor and Human Resources of Senate changed to Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of Senate by Senate Resolution No. 20, One Hundred Sixth Congress, Jan. 19, 1999.

### § 1871. Disposition of inventions produced under contracts or other arrangements

Each contract or other arrangement executed pursuant to this chapter which relates to scientific or engineering research shall contain provisions governing the disposition of inventions produced thereunder in a manner calculated to protect the public interest and the equities of the individual or organization with which the contract or other arrangement is executed: *Provided, however,* That nothing in this chapter shall be construed to authorize the Foundation to enter into any contractual or other arrangement inconsistent with any provi-