

2004—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 108-334 amended heading and text of par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The original members of the Advisory Committee shall be appointed to three classes of three members each. One class shall have a term of 1 year, 1 a term of 2 years, and the other a term of 3 years.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109-347, title III, §302(b), Oct. 13, 2006, 120 Stat. 1921, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall be effective as if enacted on the date of the enactment of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.) [Nov. 25, 2002].”

**§ 192. Homeland Security Institute**

**(a) Establishment**

The Secretary shall establish a federally funded research and development center to be known as the “Homeland Security Institute” (in this section referred to as the “Institute”).

**(b) Administration**

The Institute shall be administered as a separate entity by the Secretary.

**(c) Duties**

The duties of the Institute shall be determined by the Secretary, and may include the following:

- (1) Systems analysis, risk analysis, and simulation and modeling to determine the vulnerabilities of the Nation’s critical infrastructures and the effectiveness of the systems deployed to reduce those vulnerabilities.
- (2) Economic and policy analysis to assess the distributed costs and benefits of alternative approaches to enhancing security.
- (3) Evaluation of the effectiveness of measures deployed to enhance the security of institutions, facilities, and infrastructure that may be terrorist targets.
- (4) Identification of instances when common standards and protocols could improve the interoperability and effective utilization of tools developed for field operators and first responders.
- (5) Assistance for Federal agencies and departments in establishing testbeds to evaluate the effectiveness of technologies under development and to assess the appropriateness of such technologies for deployment.
- (6) Design of metrics and use of those metrics to evaluate the effectiveness of homeland security programs throughout the Federal Government, including all national laboratories.
- (7) Design of and support for the conduct of homeland security-related exercises and simulations.
- (8) Creation of strategic technology development plans to reduce vulnerabilities in the Nation’s critical infrastructure and key resources.

**(d) Consultation on Institute activities**

In carrying out the duties described in subsection (c), the Institute shall consult widely with representatives from private industry, institutions of higher education, nonprofit institutions, other Government agencies, and federally funded research and development centers.

**(e) Use of centers**

The Institute shall utilize the capabilities of the National Infrastructure Simulation and Analysis Center.

**(f) Annual reports**

The Institute shall transmit to the Secretary and Congress an annual report on the activities of the Institute under this section.

**(g) Termination**

The Homeland Security Institute shall terminate 5 years after its establishment.

(Pub. L. 107-296, title III, §312, Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2176; Pub. L. 108-334, title V, §519, Oct. 18, 2004, 118 Stat. 1318.)

AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 108-334 amended heading and text of subsec. (g) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Homeland Security Institute shall terminate 3 years after the effective date of this chapter.”

**§ 193. Technology clearinghouse to encourage and support innovative solutions to enhance homeland security**

**(a) Establishment of program**

The Secretary, acting through the Under Secretary for Science and Technology, shall establish and promote a program to encourage technological innovation in facilitating the mission of the Department (as described in section 111 of this title).

**(b) Elements of program**

The program described in subsection (a) shall include the following components:

- (1) The establishment of a centralized Federal clearinghouse for information relating to technologies that would further the mission of the Department for dissemination, as appropriate, to Federal, State, and local government and private sector entities for additional review, purchase, or use.
- (2) The issuance of announcements seeking unique and innovative technologies to advance the mission of the Department.
- (3) The establishment of a technical assistance team to assist in screening, as appropriate, proposals submitted to the Secretary (except as provided in subsection (c)(2)) to assess the feasibility, scientific and technical merits, and estimated cost of such proposals, as appropriate.
- (4) The provision of guidance, recommendations, and technical assistance, as appropriate, to assist Federal, State, and local government and private sector efforts to evaluate and implement the use of technologies described in paragraph (1) or (2).
- (5) The provision of information for persons seeking guidance on how to pursue proposals to develop or deploy technologies that would enhance homeland security, including information relating to Federal funding, regulation, or acquisition.

**(c) Miscellaneous provisions**

**(1) In general**

Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing the Secretary or the technical as-