

**§ 883d. Improvement of methods, instruments, and equipments; investigations and research**

To improve the efficiency of the National Ocean Survey and to increase engineering and scientific knowledge, the Secretary of Commerce is authorized to conduct developmental work for the improvement of surveying and cartographic methods, instruments, and equipments; and to conduct investigations and research in geophysical sciences (including geodesy, oceanography, seismology, and geomagnetism).

(Aug. 6, 1947, ch. 504, § 4, 61 Stat. 788; 1965 Reorg. Plan No. 2, eff. July 13, 1965, 30 F.R. 8819, 79 Stat. 1318; 1970 Reorg. Plan No. 4, eff. Oct. 3, 1970, 35 F.R. 15627, 84 Stat. 2090.)

**TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS**

Office of Director of Coast and Geodetic Survey abolished and Coast and Geodetic Survey consolidated with Weather Bureau to form a new agency in Department of Commerce to be known as Environmental Science Services Administration, by Reorg. Plan No. 2 of 1965, eff. July 13, 1965, 30 F.R. 8819, 79 Stat. 1318, set out as a note under section 851 of this title. The Reorg. Plan also transferred to Secretary of Commerce all functions of Coast and Geodetic Survey and Director. Subsequently, Environmental Science Services Administration abolished and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration established by Reorg. Plan No. 4 of 1970, eff. Oct. 3, 1970, 35 F.R. 15627, 84 Stat. 2090, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees. By Department Organization Order 25-5A, Secretary delegated to NOAA his functions under this chapter of the Code. By order of Acting Associate Administrator of NOAA, organizational name of Coast and Geodetic Survey changed to National Ocean Survey. For further details, see note set out under section 851 of this title.

**§ 883e. Agreements for surveys and investigations; contribution of costs incurred by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

(1) The Secretary of Commerce is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements, or any other agreements, with, and to receive and expend funds made available by, any State or subdivision thereof, any Federal agency, or any public or private organization, or individual, for surveys or investigations authorized herein, or for performing related surveying and mapping activities, including special-purpose maps, and for the preparation and publication of the results thereof.

(2) The Secretary of Commerce is authorized to establish the terms of any agreement entered into under this section, including the amount of funds to be received, and may contribute that portion of the costs incurred by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, including shiptime and personnel expenses, which the Secretary determines represents the amount of benefits derived by the Administration from the agreement.

(Aug. 6, 1947, ch. 504, § 5, 61 Stat. 788; 1965 Reorg. Plan No. 2, eff. July 13, 1965, 30 F.R. 8819, 79 Stat. 1318; Pub. L. 99-272, title VI, § 6085, Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 138; Pub. L. 106-181, title VI, § 605(b), Apr. 5, 2000, 114 Stat. 154.)

**AMENDMENTS**

2000—Par. (1). Pub. L. 106-181, § 605(b)(1), substituted “cooperative agreements, or any other agreements,” for “cooperative agreements”.

Par. (2). Pub. L. 106-181, § 605(b)(2), which directed the striking of “cooperative”, was executed by striking “cooperative” before “agreement” in two places, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

1986—Pub. L. 99-272 designated existing provisions as par. (1), inserted “any Federal agency,” after “or subdivision thereof,” and added par. (2).

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2000 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 106-181 applicable only to fiscal years beginning after Sept. 30, 1999, see section 3 of Pub. L. 106-181, set out as a note under section 106 of Title 49, Transportation.

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**§ 883f. Contracts with qualified organizations**

The Secretary of Commerce is authorized to contract with qualified organizations for the performance of any part of the authorized functions of the National Ocean Survey when he deems such procedure to be in the public interests.

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**§ 883g. Repealed. Pub. L. 88-611, § 4(a)(2), Oct. 2, 1964, 78 Stat. 991**

Section, act Aug. 6, 1947, ch. 504, § 7, 61 Stat. 788, provided for acceptance of gifts or bequests and exemption from Federal taxes. See sections 1522 and 1523 of Title 15, Commerce and Trade.

**§ 883h. Employment of public vessels**

The President is authorized to cause to be employed such of the public vessels as he deems it