

science and engineering enterprise in the United States and other nations that is relevant and useful to practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and the public, including statistical data on—

- (A) research and development trends;
- (B) the science and engineering workforce;
- (C) United States competitiveness in science, engineering, technology, and research and development; and
- (D) the condition and progress of United States STEM education;

(2) support research using the data it collects, and on methodologies in areas related to the work of the Center; and

(3) support the education and training of researchers in the use of large-scale, nationally representative data sets.

(c) Statistical reports

The Director or the National Science Board, acting through the Center, shall issue regular, and as necessary, special statistical reports on topics related to the national and international science and engineering enterprise such as the biennial report required by section 1863(j)(1) of this title on indicators of the state of science and engineering in the United States.

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CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010, also known as the America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science Reauthorization Act of 2010, and also as part of the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2010, and not as part of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 which comprises this chapter.

DEFINITIONS

For definition of “STEM” as used in this section, see section 2 of Pub. L. 111-358, set out as a note under section 6621 of this title.

Pub. L. 111-358, title V, § 502, Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 4005, provided that: “In this subtitle [subtitle A (§§ 501-527) of title V of Pub. L. 111-358, enacting this section and sections 1862p-1 to 1862p-15 of this title, amending sections 1862n-1a, 1862n-5, 1863, and 1869 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 1862p and 1869 of this title]:

“(1) DIRECTOR.—The term ‘Director’ means the Director of the National Science Foundation.

“(2) EPSCoR.—The term ‘EPSCoR’ means the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research.

“(3) FOUNDATION.—The term ‘Foundation’ means the National Science Foundation established under section 2 of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (42 U.S.C. 1861).

“(4) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The term ‘institution of higher education’ has the meaning given such term in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)).

“(5) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means one of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or any other territory or possession of the United States.

“(6) UNITED STATES.—The term ‘United States’ means the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of

the Northern Mariana Islands, and any other territory or possession of the United States.”

§ 1862p-1. National Science Foundation manufacturing research and education

(a) Manufacturing research

The Director shall carry out a program to award merit-reviewed, competitive grants to institutions of higher education to support fundamental research leading to transformative advances in manufacturing technologies, processes, and enterprises that will support United States manufacturing through improved performance, productivity, sustainability, and competitiveness. Research areas may include—

- (1) nanomanufacturing;
- (2) manufacturing and construction machines and equipment, including robotics, automation, and other intelligent systems;
- (3) manufacturing enterprise systems;
- (4) advanced sensing and control techniques;
- (5) materials processing; and
- (6) information technologies for manufacturing, including predictive and real-time models and simulations, and virtual manufacturing.

(b) Manufacturing education

In order to help ensure a well-trained manufacturing workforce, the Director shall award grants to strengthen and expand scientific and technical education and training in advanced manufacturing, including through the Foundation’s Advanced Technological Education program.

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DEFINITIONS

For definitions of terms used in this section, see section 502 of Pub. L. 111-358, set out as a note under section 1862p of this title.

§ 1862p-2. Partnerships for innovation

(a) In general

The Director shall carry out a program to award merit-reviewed, competitive grants to institutions of higher education to establish and to expand partnerships that promote innovation and increase the impact of research by developing tools and resources to connect new scientific discoveries to practical uses.

(b) Partnerships

(1) In general

To be eligible for funding under this section, an institution of higher education must propose establishment of a partnership that—

- (A) includes at least one private sector entity; and
- (B) may include other institutions of higher education, public sector institutions, pri-