

title H of title XVI of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 which comprises this subchapter.

DEFINITIONS

Secretary means the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 7401(1) of Pub. L. 107-171, set out as a note under section 3319f of this title.

§ 5925e. Repealed. Pub. L. 113-79, title VII, § 7212(a), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 886

Section, Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, §1672C, as added Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, §7207, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1239, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VII, §7207, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2000, related to agricultural bio-energy feedstock and energy efficiency research and extension initiative.

§ 5925f. Farm business management

(a) In general

The Secretary may make competitive research and extension grants for the purpose of—

- (1) improving the farm management knowledge and skills of agricultural producers; and
- (2) establishing and maintaining a national, publicly available farm financial management database to support improved farm management.

(b) Selection criteria

In allocating funds made available to carry out this section, the Secretary may give priority to grants that—

- (1) demonstrate an ability to work directly with agricultural producers;
- (2) collaborate with farm management and producer associations;
- (3) address the farm management needs of a variety of crops and regions of the United States; and
- (4) use and support the national farm financial management database.

(c) Administration

Paragraphs (4), (7), (8), and (11)(B) of subsection (b) of section 450i of this title shall apply with respect to the making of grants under this section.

(d) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section—

- (1) such sums as are necessary for fiscal year 2013; and
- (2) \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, §1672D, as added Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, §7208, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1241; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VII, §7208, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2002; amended Pub. L. 113-79, title VII, §7213, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 886.)

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 enacted identical sections. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 113-79 substituted “to carry out this section—” for “such sums as are necessary to carry out this section.” and added pars. (1) and (2).

EFFECTIVE DATE

Enactment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the

date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 8701 of this title.

§ 5926. Centers of excellence

(a) Funding priorities

The Secretary shall prioritize centers of excellence established for purposes of carrying out research, extension, and education activities relating to the food and agricultural sciences (as defined in section 3103 of this title) for the receipt of funding for any competitive research or extension program administered by the Secretary.

(b) Composition

A center of excellence is composed of 1 or more of the eligible entities specified in subsection (b)(7) of section 450i of this title that provide financial or in-kind support to the center of excellence.

(c) Criteria for centers of excellence

(1) Required efforts

The criteria for recognition as a center of excellence shall include efforts—

- (A) to ensure coordination and cost effectiveness by reducing unnecessarily duplicative efforts regarding research, teaching, and extension;
- (B) to leverage available resources by using public-private partnerships among agricultural industry groups, institutions of higher education, and the Federal Government;
- (C) to implement teaching initiatives to increase awareness and effectively disseminate solutions to target audiences through extension activities; and
- (D) to increase the economic returns to rural communities by identifying, attracting, and directing funds to high-priority agricultural issues.

(2) Additional efforts

Where practicable, the criteria for recognition as a center of excellence shall include efforts to improve teaching capacity and infrastructure at colleges and universities (including land-grant colleges and universities, cooperating forestry schools, NLCGA Institutions (as those terms are defined in section 3103 of this title), and schools of veterinary medicine).

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, §1673, as added Pub. L. 113-79, title VII, §7214(a), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 886.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5926, Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, §1673, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3773; Pub. L. 102-237, title IV, §407(12), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1865; Pub. L. 104-127, title VIII, §837, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1169; Pub. L. 105-185, title II, §245, title III, §301(b)(2), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 556, 563; Pub. L. 107-171, title VII, §7121, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 434, established an agricultural telecommunications program, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, §7209, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1241, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VII, §7209, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2003, effective May 22, 2008.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 113-79, title VII, §7214(b), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 887, provided that: “The amendments made by sub-