

**§ 2503. National defense program for analysis of the technology and industrial base**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall establish a program for analysis of the national technology and industrial base.

(b) SUPERVISION OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Defense shall carry out the program through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics. In carrying out the program, the Under Secretary shall consult with the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Secretary of Labor.

(c) FUNCTIONS.—The functions of the program shall include, with respect to the national technology and industrial base, the following:

(1) The assembly of timely and authoritative information.

(2) Initiation of studies and analyses.

(3) Provision of technical support and assistance to—

(A) the Secretary of Defense for the preparation of the periodic assessments required by section 2505 of this title;

(B) the defense acquisition university structure and its elements; and

(C) other departments and agencies of the Federal Government in accordance with guidance established by the Council.

(4) Dissemination, through the National Technical Information Service of the Department of Commerce, of unclassified information and assessments for further dissemination within the Federal Government and to the private sector.

(Added Pub. L. 102-484, div. D, title XLII, § 4213(a), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2665; amended Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title VIII, § 829(b), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2612; Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title X, § 1048(b)(4), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1225.)

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 2503, added Pub. L. 100-456, div. A, title VIII, § 821(b)(1)(B), Sept. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 2016; amended Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title VIII, § 842(a), (b), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1514, 1515; Pub. L. 102-25, title VII, § 701(f)(4), Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 115; Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title X, § 1052(32), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2501, established defense industrial base office, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-484, § 4202(a).

**AMENDMENTS**

2001—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 107-107 substituted “Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics” for “Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition”.

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-201, § 829(b)(1), substituted “The Secretary of Defense” for “(1) The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the National Defense Technology and Industrial Base Council,” and struck out pars. (2) to (4) which read as follows:

“(2) As determined by the Secretary of Defense, the program shall be administered by one of the following:

“(A) An existing federally funded research and development center.

“(B) A consortium of existing federally funded research and development centers and other nonprofit entities.

“(C) A private sector entity (other than a federally funded research and development center).

“(D) The National Defense University.

“(3) A contract may be awarded under subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of paragraph (2) only through the use of competitive procedures.

“(4) The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that there is appropriate coordination between the program and the Critical Technologies Institute.”

Subsec. (c)(3)(A). Pub. L. 104-201, § 829(b)(2), substituted “the Secretary of Defense for” for “the National Defense Technology and Industrial Base Council in” and struck out “and the periodic plans required by section 2506 of this title” after “section 2505 of this title”.

**DEADLINE FOR ESTABLISHING PROGRAM**

Pub. L. 102-484, div. D, title XLII, § 4213(b), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2666, provided that: “The Secretary of Defense shall establish the program required by section 2503 of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), not later than six months after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 23, 1992]. The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that a contract solicitation is issued and a contract is awarded in a timely manner to facilitate the establishment of that program within the period set forth in the preceding sentence. The preceding sentence shall not apply if the Secretary determines that the program shall be administered by the National Defense University.”

**§ 2504. Annual report to Congress**

The Secretary of Defense shall transmit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives by March 1 of each year a report which shall include the following information:

(1) A description of the departmental guidance prepared pursuant to section 2506 of this title.

(2) A description of the assessments prepared pursuant to section 2505 of this title and other analyses used in developing the budget submission of the Department of Defense for the next fiscal year.

(3) Based on the strategy required by section 2501 of this title and on the assessments prepared pursuant to section 2505 of this title—

(A) a description of any mitigation strategies necessary to address any gaps or vulnerabilities in the national technology and industrial base; and

(B) any other steps necessary to foster and safeguard the national technology and industrial base.

(4) Identification of each program designed to sustain specific essential technological and industrial capabilities and processes of the national technology and industrial base.

(Added Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title VIII, § 829(e), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2614; amended Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title X, § 1067(1), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 774; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title XVI, § 1603(b), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 2063.)

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 2504, added Pub. L. 102-484, div. D, title XLII, § 4214(a), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2666, established Center for Study of Defense Economic Adjustment, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title XIII, § 1312(a)(1), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1786.

Another prior section 2504 was renumbered section 2531 of this title.

**AMENDMENTS**

2013—Pars. (2), (3). Pub. L. 112-239 added par. (3), redesignated former par. (3) as (2) and struck out former par. (2) which read as follows: “A description of the