

of cooperative arrangements (hereinafter in this section referred to as “partnerships”) between a Department of Defense laboratory and eligible firms and nonprofit research corporations. A partnership may also include one or more additional Federal laboratories, institutions of higher education, agencies of State and local governments, and other entities, as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

(2) For purposes of this section, a federally funded research and development center shall be considered a Department of Defense laboratory if the center is sponsored by the Department of Defense.

(c) ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED.—(1) The Secretary may make grants, enter into contracts, enter into cooperative agreements and other transactions pursuant to section 2371 of this title, and enter into cooperative research and development agreements under section 12 of the Stevenson-Wylder Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3710a) in order to establish partnerships.

(2) Subject to subsection (d), the Secretary may provide a partnership with technical and other assistance in order to facilitate the achievement of the purpose of this section.

(d) FINANCIAL COMMITMENT OF NON-FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PARTICIPANTS.—(1) The Secretary shall ensure that the non-Federal Government participants in a partnership make a substantial contribution to the total cost of partnership activities. The amount of the contribution shall be commensurate with the risk undertaken by such participants and the potential benefits of the activities for such participants.

(2) The regulations prescribed pursuant to section 2511(c)(2) of this title shall apply to in-kind contributions made by non-Federal Government participants in a partnership.

(e) SELECTION PROCESS.—Competitive procedures shall be used in the establishment of partnerships.

(f) SELECTION CRITERIA.—The criteria for the selection of a proposed partnership for establishment under this section shall include the criteria set forth in section 2511(e) of this title.

(g) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe regulations for the purposes of this section.

(Added Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title XI, §1113(a), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2864; amended Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title X, §1081(d), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 454.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-106, §1081(d)(1), struck out “referred to in section 2511(b) of this title” after “corporations”.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 104-106, §1081(d)(2), substituted “section 2511(e)” for “section 2511(f)”.

#### **[§ 2520. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title X, § 1081(f), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 454]**

Section, added Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title XI, §1113(b), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2865, related to Navy Investment Program.

#### SUBCHAPTER IV—MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY

Sec.  
2521. Manufacturing Technology Program.

Sec.  
2522. Armament retooling and manufacturing.  
[2523, 2524. Repealed.]  
[2525. Renumbered.]

#### AMENDMENTS

2000—Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title III, §344(c)(2)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-71, redesignated item 2525 as 2521 and added item 2522.

1998—Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title X, §1069(a)(5), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2136, struck out “AND DUAL-USE ASSISTANCE EXTENSION PROGRAMS” after “TECHNOLOGY” in subchapter heading.

1996—Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title II, §276(b), title X, §1081(i)(3), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 242, 455, struck out items 2521 “National Defense Manufacturing Technology Program”, 2522 “Defense Advanced Manufacturing Technology Partnerships”, 2523 “Manufacturing extension programs”, and 2524 “Defense dual-use assistance extension program” and substituted “Manufacturing Technology Program” for “Manufacturing Science and Technology Program” in item 2525.

1994—Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title II, §256(a)(2), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2704, substituted “Manufacturing Science and” for “Industrial Preparedness Manufacturing” in item 2525.

1993—Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title VIII, §801(a)(2), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1701, added item 2525.

#### **§ 2521. Manufacturing Technology Program**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall establish a Manufacturing Technology Program to further the national security objectives of section 2501(a) of this title through the development and application of advanced manufacturing technologies and processes that will reduce the acquisition and supportability costs of defense weapon systems and reduce manufacturing and repair cycle times across the life cycles of such systems. The Secretary shall use the joint planning process of the directors of the Department of Defense laboratories in establishing the program. The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics shall administer the program.

(b) PURPOSE OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Defense shall use the program—

(1) to provide centralized guidance and direction (including goals, milestones, and priorities) to the military departments and the Defense Agencies on all matters relating to manufacturing technology;

(2) to direct the development and implementation of Department of Defense plans, programs, projects, activities, and policies that promote the development and application of advanced technologies to manufacturing processes, tools, and equipment;

(3) to improve the manufacturing quality, productivity, technology, and practices of businesses and workers providing goods and services to the Department of Defense;

(4) to focus Department of Defense support for the development and application of advanced manufacturing technologies and processes for use to meet manufacturing requirements that are essential to the national defense, as well as for repair and remanufacturing in support of the operations of systems commands, depots, air logistics centers, and shipyards;

(5) to disseminate information concerning improved manufacturing improvement concepts, including information on such matters