

**§ 17033. Biofuels and biorefinery information center**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary, in cooperation with the Secretary of Agriculture, shall establish a biofuels and biorefinery information center to make available to interested parties information on—

- (1) renewable fuel feedstocks, including the varieties of fuel capable of being produced from various feedstocks;
- (2) biorefinery processing techniques related to various renewable fuel feedstocks;
- (3) the distribution, blending, storage, and retail dispensing infrastructure necessary for the transport and use of renewable fuels;
- (4) Federal and State laws and incentives related to renewable fuel production and use;
- (5) renewable fuel research and development advancements;
- (6) renewable fuel development and biorefinery processes and technologies;
- (7) renewable fuel resources, including information on programs and incentives for renewable fuels;
- (8) renewable fuel producers;
- (9) renewable fuel users; and
- (10) potential renewable fuel users.

**(b) Administration**

In administering the biofuels and biorefinery information center, the Secretary shall—

- (1) continually update information provided by the center;
- (2) make information available relating to processes and technologies for renewable fuel production;
- (3) make information available to interested parties on the process for establishing a biorefinery; and
- (4) make information and assistance provided by the center available through a toll-free telephone number and website.

**(c) Coordination and nonduplication**

To the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary shall ensure that the activities under this section are coordinated with, and do not duplicate the efforts of, centers at other government agencies.

**(d) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this section. (Pub. L. 110-140, title II, § 229, Dec. 19, 2007, 121 Stat. 1535.)

**§ 17034. Cellulosic ethanol and biofuels research**

**(a) Definition of eligible entity**

In this section, the term “eligible entity” means—

- (1) an 1890 Institution (as defined in section 7601 of title 7);
- (2) a part B institution (as defined in section 1061 of title 20) (commonly referred to as “Historically Black Colleges and Universities”);
- (3) a tribal college or university (as defined in section 1059c(b) of title 20); or
- (4) a Hispanic-serving institution (as defined in section 1101a(a) of title 20).

**(b) Grants**

The Secretary shall make cellulosic ethanol and biofuels research and development grants to

10 eligible entities selected by the Secretary to receive a grant under this section through a peer-reviewed competitive process.

**(c) Collaboration**

An eligible entity that is selected to receive a grant under subsection (b) shall collaborate with 1 of the Bioenergy Research Centers of the Office of Science of the Department.

**(d) Authorization of appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to make grants described in subsection (b) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2008, to remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 110-140, title II, § 230, Dec. 19, 2007, 121 Stat. 1536.)

**§ 17035. University based research and development grant program**

**(a) Establishment**

The Secretary shall establish a competitive grant program, in a geographically diverse manner, for projects submitted for consideration by institutions of higher education to conduct research and development of renewable energy technologies. Each grant made shall not exceed \$2,000,000.

**(b) Eligibility**

Priority shall be given to institutions of higher education with—

- (1) established programs of research in renewable energy;
- (2) locations that are low income or outside of an urbanized area;
- (3) a joint venture with an Indian tribe; and
- (4) proximity to trees dying of disease or insect infestation as a source of woody biomass.

**(c) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary \$25,000,000 for carrying out this section.

**(d) Definitions**

In this section:

**(1) Indian tribe**

The term “Indian tribe” has the meaning as defined in section 15823(c) of this title.

**(2) Renewable energy**

The term “renewable energy” has the meaning as defined in section 16181 of this title.

**(3) Urbanized area**

The term “urbanized area” has the meaning as defined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

(Pub. L. 110-140, title II, § 234, Dec. 19, 2007, 121 Stat. 1538.)

PART C—BIOFUELS INFRASTRUCTURE

**§ 17051. Renewable fuel dispenser requirements**

**(a) Market penetration reports**

The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, shall determine and report to Congress annually on the market penetration for flexible-fuel vehicles in use within geographic regions to be established by the Secretary.